

# Welcome to Year One !

Year 1 Class Newsletter. Autumn Term 1 2023



What a great start to the year! All the children have returned from the long break refreshed and raring to go. They are settling into the new routines well have impressed us with their fantastic listening skills and behaviour.



## Meet the Year One Team

We are lucky to have a number of adults working in different roles within Year 1:

Mrs J Wilkinson – Class Teacher  
Mrs C Kennedy – Learning Support Assistant

Ms Z Newell – Teacher – teaching Art and DT

Mr P Ward – HLTA – teaching science  
Marie – pastoral support

All the members of the team work closely together to ensure your child receives a rich and varied curriculum, pastoral care and additional learning support for specific children.

## Topics

We will be exploring Traditional Tales in **English**, starting with The Little Red Hen and Little Red Riding Hood and, focusing on how stories are written, instructions and we will be using story mapping to create our own stories.

In **Art**, we will be looking at the work of Andy Goldsworthy and using natural materials to create collage.

In **Geography** lessons, Y1 will be carrying out some work on the local area. In **Science**, we will be thinking about ourselves and collecting data to use in maths, such as eye and hair colour. We will be learning about our senses and how we use them to learn about our environment.

## How to help at home.

- Daily reading and sharing stories with your child – ask questions about what they are reading, play word games and spot rhyming words.
- Play games involving numbers – dice and domino games are great for this!
- Encourage your child to complete their homework tasks regularly.
- Encourage independent skills such as dressing and simple 'helping' jobs at home.

**If you would like any further support or suggestions on how to help at home, please contact us via the office.**

## Polite reminders

- PE days are **Monday and Wednesday**  
Please bring PE kit to school on a Monday and we will return it on Friday.
- Please ensure your child has a NAMED water bottle to use should they require a drink.
- Please name ALL items of clothing and belongings to help us return them if they go missing !
- No ear rings/ jewellery or nail varnish to be worn at school please.
- Children must be collected at 3.15 by a named adult. Please ensure these details are updated via the school office.



**@NewDelPrimary Be sure to follow New Delaval Primary on X (Twitter) for regular updates.**

**Reading** - In Year One all children will be expected to read daily with an adult at home. This may be a school phonic scheme book, a class library book or a book of their choice from home. All reading should be recorded in the Reading Record provided and signed by an adult. Children will be rewarded for any reading completed at home with house points, stickers and certificates. Later in the term we will also be introducing the children to Bug Club, an online reading platform.

**Spellings** – In Year One all children will be expected to practise their spellings at home. Ideas and tips to support your child at home with spellings will be attached to the word list. The list of spellings will include words from our current topics, common exception words and phonetic words from the Y1 curriculum.

**Google Classroom** – The use of Tapestry will be phased out and replaced with Google Classroom. Google Classroom will be used for additional weekly homework tasks and communication between home and school. Details of how to log on will be issued at a later date.

**If you have any difficulties accessing the online platforms any other concerns, please get in touch with us.**