

Welcome to Year One !

Year 1 Class Newsletter. Autumn Term 1 2025



What a great start to the year! All the children have returned from the long break refreshed and raring to go. They have settled into the new routines of Year 1 extremely quickly and 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 Y1 this year:

Mrs J Wilkinson – Class Teacher

Mrs C Kennedy – Learning Support Assistant

Mr P Ward – HLTA

Mr T Hutton – Deputy Headteacher

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.

Homework - Year 1 will be expected to complete weekly homework. We will be setting weekly homework online – look out for log in information. Homework will be set on Thursday and checked the following Wednesday. If homework is not completed, in accordance with whole school policy, there will be a consequence or 'homework break', where pupils will have the opportunity to complete homework tasks in school.

Curriculum

We will be exploring Traditional Tales in **English**, starting with The Little Red Hen and Little Red Riding Hood and, focusing on how story are written , instructions and 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 **Computing** we will be learning how to log in to the school laptops and access Purple Mash by ourselves.

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 going on day trips to support our learning – our first one is already planned ! Please help us out by returning letters promptly.

Information

PE days - Monday and Wednesday.

Please bring kit to school on a Monday and we will return it on Friday.

Water bottles - Please ensure your child has a NAMED water bottle to use. We do not provide bottles / cups in Year 1.

Belongings - Please name ALL items of clothing and belongings to help us return them if they go missing !

Toys - No toys to be brought in unless arranged with class teacher please. We have a range of fidget toys and comfort toys that can be used to avoid damage or loss of own property.

Jewellery - No ear rings/ jewellery or nail varnish to be worn at school please. A basic watch can be worn.

Collection - Children must be collected at 3.15 by a named adult. Please ensure we have correct details at all times.

Reading – reading books will be changed weekly this term. 3 books will be issued to support daily reading at home.

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. Children will bring 3 books home from school to support this.
- 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.

Friday Library

We would like to invite all parents and carers into class on Friday mornings 8.30am – 8.50am for our Friday Library. We will have a selection of books, games and activities available to borrow weekly.

I hope that I have covered everything you may need in this letter. If you have any further queries or concerns, please let us know at drop off or collection. We may not be able to discuss issues at the door but will happily arrange a suitable time to chat further. Alternatively, please contact the school off to request a ring back or to arrange an appointment. We look forward to working with you and your children this year. Thank you for your support. Mrs J Wilkinson