



Year 1 Term 1 + 2 Curriculum Overview



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

September 2023

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 1. Mrs Bolderson, and myself will be taking the next few weeks to really get to know your child and help them become secure and confident with the routines and expectations of year 1.

Curriculum Overview

- English - RWI Phonics, handwriting and writing lists, captions and simple sentences linked to text
- Maths - Place Value to 10, Addition and Subtraction to 10 and shape.
- Science - Seasons (which will run throughout the year) and Everyday materials.
- RE - Our RE topic this half term is "What do Christians believe God is like?".
- Music - Our topic this half term is "How can we make friends when we sing together?". We will learn to sing songs and chant rhymes.
- Topic- We will be learning about toys from the past and The United Kingdom
- PE - A session with the coach on Wednesdays and another session Friday mornings.
- PSHE - 'Being in My World' and 'Celebrating Difference'

Home learning

Our home learning app is called seesaw which replaces the Tapestry app used last year. Details on how to log on to this are in your child's book bag.

Reading books will be changed on a Friday to coincide with the books being read in our RWI Phonics sessions. Children will be given a purple wallet which will contain their phonics practise book, a RWI book bag book and a reading for pleasure book. Sound books and word lists will also be in the wallet. These are the sounds and words your child will be learning to read and spell in year one. Please listen to your child read and support them to learn the sounds as much as possible. At the end of Year 1, children take a phonics screening check (more details below), so it is important they receive as much support as possible with their reading.

Home learning ideas and activities will be set on Seesaw. These may include writing activities, spellings, and maths activities. RWI lesson videos will also be shared on here for you to access at home. We also share photos of the children's learning on here and examples of their work. You can also share any work completed at home on seesaw for us to see.

Your child will receive a spelling shed login. This is a fun website which helps your child learn to spell using fun games. We will sometimes set specific word lists for the children based on the spellings we have been learning in school.

Reward Systems

The school's Evergreen behaviour system will continue into Year 1. Every week children who have kept their Evergreen will receive their evergreen time. Alongside this, we run a star chart. Every child starts on the green star every day. The children are rewarded for above and beyond behaviour by moving up to the silver and then gold star. If your child is on those stars at the end of the day, they will receive a star sticker in that colour. If the children are given a reminder and warning for unacceptable behaviour, they move down to the orange and red stars. A red star results in a green slip. However, children are given lots of encouragement to move back up the stars. If your child loses their evergreen, you will be informed.

General notices

- PE days are **Tuesdays and Fridays**. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit with them and that their PE kit is fully labelled. PE kit should include: t-shirt, shorts, plimsolls, trainers, socks and a tracksuit.
- Children may bring a bottle of water only into the classroom. Please ensure it is labelled. They can keep flavoured drinks in their lockers.
- The trays we keep the children's book bags in are a tight fit, so could you ensure you only attach one small keyring to your child's book bag, otherwise we struggle to close the tray!
- Once the weather starts to get colder please send you child with named hats, gloves and warm coats.
- Children will be given the opportunity to change their reading for pleasure book on a Thursday so please make sure they are in school on this day.
- The Year 1 phonics screener takes place in June. This is a government check where the children read 40 real and nonsense words to check their decoding is to an age-appropriate standard. More details on this will be given later in the year. **Please don't book any holidays for the first three weeks in June as this is when the check takes place.**
- Mrs Iredale works with the class on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings to provide extra phonics sessions to different groups of children.
- Ms Beastall will be with the class on Fridays which is when I have my planning time. I will be in school and will be popping in to see the children throughout the day.
- As they did in Reception Class children can come dressed in their own clothes on their birthday.
- If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us. We hope your child has an enjoyable time in Year 1 and we looking forward to working together with you and your child

Thank you Mrs Hill and the Year 1 Team.