

When in Year One...

Year 1 is an exciting year for children, full of fun and learning, and to help them along the way are Mrs Barron (Teacher) and Mrs Muddle (Teaching Assistant). The children begin to develop skills which will support them throughout their life such as: being independent; how to be a good citizen and friend; as well as a jam-packed curriculum!

We fully support the schools three mission statements which are:

Growing in Faith:

- I will think about my own and others feelings
- I will pray and think about Jesus

Learning for Life:

- I will listen to my friends and my teachers
- I will be kind like Jesus

Aiming for Excellence:

- I will always try my best
- I will learn how to get even better than I am now

We teach following the National Curriculum, i.e. different subjects which will include Maths, English, Science, PE, History, Geography, Music, Art, DT, ICT and two hours of RE a week.

We are working hard to develop the children's independent skills and help them to learn in a manner that ensures that they are challenged in an age appropriate way. We will do this by teaching quality texts that support 'fun topics' such as 'To Year 1 and Beyond...' and 'Shiver me Timbers'. We will also make use of the Outside Area and encourage the children to record their learning in a variety of ways using different resources i.e. writing, photographs of their learning etc.



The Phonics Screening which is carried out in June is a big focus in Year 1. The children will prepare for this throughout the year by playing games, completing writing and reading activities, group activities, homework and computer games, which they thoroughly enjoy. Through this the children will further develop their understanding and use of digraphs i.e. *th* or *ow* and trigraphs i.e. *igh*.

We will continue to focus this year on developing the children's handwriting. The children have been taught to use a 'lead in' and a 'lead out'. Please encourage your children to use this style of writing at home:

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

Homework will be sent home on a Wednesday and we would like it to be returned on a Monday.



Homework will include:

- a maths activity
- a Spelling activity
- Reading

The children also have the opportunity to access online resources to support their learning further. One of these is 'Bug Club', the children can log into a wealth of books. Another one is 'Mathletics', the children can log into a number of mathematical games.

A love of books and reading is a feature of our Year 1 class. We would like the children in Year 1 to read as much as they can. To encourage this we have a class reading challenge. So make sure you find time to hear your child read, every day is the ideal!

Alongside this we want the children to learn the Year 1 'sight words'. Your help with this is invaluable to us as it is an expectation of the National Curriculum that the children can read and write all of these words by the end of the academic year.



We welcome parents into our classroom through our half-termly 'Celebration of Learning' to look at the children's books. We also hold weekly 'Chatterbooks' sessions where parents are invited into the classroom to share books. We look forward to seeing you!