



Welcome to year 1!  
I am happy you are here  
I'm really glad I get to be  
your teacher for the year.

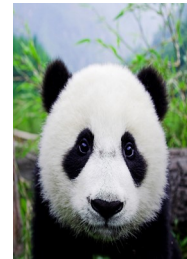
We are going on a journey  
- like a crew upon a ship.  
We'll sail the seas of learning  
gaining knowledge on our trip.

I'm hoping for smooth sailing  
though we're bound to hit bad weather.  
We'll be ok as long as we  
all learn to learn together.

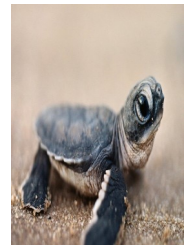
Everybody makes mistakes,  
Sometimes I'll get things wrong.  
Our crew is good at different things  
but difference makes us strong.

Are you ready for the challenge?  
Climb aboard, lets sail away.  
Chart a course for learning,  
the adventure starts today.

Catherine Oehlman



## Year 1 Autumn Term



Dear parents and carers

We are looking forward to a great year ahead  
in year 1!

We hope that by working together we can  
make this term a happy one for your child,  
offering them interesting, challenging activi-  
ties and experiences and ensuring that they  
make the best possible progress.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do  
not hesitate to speak to us.

Miss Penaluna (Turtles) and Mrs Watson  
(Pandas)

## SOME REMINDERS

**Start of the day** - Please arrive on time for the doors opening at 8.40am for a 8.50am start. At this time we will be doing handwriting activities then splitting into our phonic groups. It is very important that children do not miss these sessions.

**End of the day** - School finishes at 3.10pm, please be prompt when collecting your child and we will do our best to ensure they are ready on time. **Children in year 1 must be collected by someone over 16. Please line up at the cones to avoid congestion at the bottom of the stairs, staff will work along the line in order to dismiss the children.**

**Uniforms and coats** - All children must wear school uniform at all times. **Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.** As the weather is getting colder please ensure your child has a coat in school everyday.

**Reading** - Reading folders will be sent home every day. **We ask that each child reads some of their book every night at home and this is recorded in their yellow reading record.** Please ensure that your child's book folder is in school each day to allow members of staff to hear your child read. Reading is an important part of the curriculum and therefore we encourage you to spend time reading with your child. Please also practice the Read Write Inc sounds and common exception words and any additional books sent home in their RWI homework pack.

**PE** - Every Thursday we have our PE lesson. Each child has their own P.E. kit in school which they change into for the lesson. Please encourage your children to dress themselves at home to encourage independence. **Children must wear or bring in trainers for PE lessons. Earrings must not be worn for safety reasons.**

**Homework** - Children will receive homework and spellings on a Friday. Homework books to be returned on a Thursday, spelling challenge will be on a Friday.

**Fruit** - Please note that all children in Year 1 will receive a piece of fruit each day, as well as a piece of toast in the morning.

**Toys from home** - We discourage children bringing toys in from home as it can cause distress and disagreements. Please support us in this decision.

**Y1 PHONICS SCREEN TAKES PLACE IN JUNE.**

This is what we're doing this term!	
<b>English</b>	We will begin this term by doing lots of speaking and listening skills and the children will continue with the Read Write Inc. programme that we follow as a school. In English we will be looking at stories that link to our topic, all about me. We will be promoting a love of reading and encouraging the children to read as often as possible in school and at home. In writing, the children will continue to work on letter formation and writing their ideas in full sentences, introducing full stops and capital letters.
<b>Maths</b>	We are continuing to focus on counting and number formation and recording in numerals and words this half term. We will begin with the number system and place value which involves knowing what a number is and what it is worth and counting forwards and backwards from a given number. We will also begin addition and subtraction this term.
<b>Science</b>	In science we will be developing an understanding of the world. The children will be encouraged to be curious and ask questions about what they notice in the world around them. This term we are going to learn about our body and learn about our senses. We will also look at the seasons and changes taking place in autumn.
<b>ICT</b>	The children will have the opportunity to develop their basic computing skills. They will also learn to use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private.
<b>Geography</b>	We will be learning about our local area and where we live. We will be looking at the different landscapes that we have on our doorstep and finding out about these places. We will also be observing the different weather patterns.
<b>History</b>	We will look at toys and how they have changed over the years, with a visit to the Discovery Museum.
<b>Art &amp; Design</b>	We will be creating pieces of art in the style of the artists Pablo Picasso and George Seurat. Focussing on their style of creating self portraits and using pointillism.
<b>PHSE</b>	We are using 'zones of regulation' and the children will be talking about feelings, the feelings of others and what they can do to help their friends.
<b>Music</b>	Music is run by In Harmony and the children will be learning about rhythms and patterns. We will also have a weekly singing session with Mrs Sinclair.
<b>P.E.</b>	PE is important as it enables children to lead healthy, active lives. We will be working this term on the core skills of balance, agility and co-ordination as well as playing team games.
<b>R.E.</b>	This term we will be focussing on, expressions of belonging. Doing discussions and activities about what it means to belong to different groups i.e. family, friends, school, clubs, and religions.