



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 activities 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.

Kind Regards

Mrs Watson (Pandas) and Mr Pinkney (Turtles)

SOME REMINDERS

Start of the day - Please arrive on time for the doors opening at 8.40am for an 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 always wear school uniform. **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 as we go outside 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 and jewellery 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!

English	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 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.
Maths	We are continuing to focus on counting and number formation and recording 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.
Science	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 seasons and changes taking during autumn.
Computing	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.
Geography	We will be learning about our local area and where we live. We will be looking at different landscapes that we have on our doorstep and finding out about these places. We will also be observing different weather patterns.
History	We will look at toys and how they have changed over the years, with a visit to the Discovery Museum.
Art & Design	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.
PSHE	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. They will also be joining in with Forest School activities in our wilderness area.
Music	Music is run by In Harmony and the children will be learning about rhythms and patterns. We will also have weekly singing sessions with Mrs Sinclair.
P.E	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 lots of team games.
R.E	This term we will be focusing on expressions of belonging. Having discussions and completing activities about what it means to belong to different groups i.e. family, friends, school, clubs and religions.

Welcome to year 1!
I am happy you are here
I'm 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