

Welcome back Year 1! We hope you have all enjoyed the first full week back in class. This newsletter should give you all the information you need for this half-term.

In Year 1 we are very lucky to have four teachers working with you. Mrs Tapping is the class teacher on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Ms Geliot is the class teacher on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Weightman and Mrs Kiddle are here every day to help and support you with your learning.

We are all looking forward to getting to know the children and their families.

Moving from EYFS to Key Stage

Moving from Reception into Year 1 can sometimes feel a little daunting for children and parents. There will be a natural move away from the play based curriculum of the Early Years to the more structured National Curriculum in Key Stage 1. However we will be working hard to ensure that this is a gradual transition that is right for every child. We will continue to provide all children with an exciting, stimulating and fun curriculum with a wealth of practical and play based enrichment activities that will inspire children to learn.

Homework

This year, homework will be slightly different to before. All children will be given a homework grid at the beginning of the half-term. The Year 1 homework grid contains 9 exciting learning activities for children to choose from. The expectation is children complete one of these a week. In addition to this we will also be setting weekly maths tasks to complete online on Mathletics. You child will be sent home with log in details for Mathletics.

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These are our topics this half-term:

Maths – Number - Place value and addition and subtraction.

Theme and English – All About Me (Happy to be Me), Harvest (The Little Red Hen), Seasonal Changes – Autumn (Shirley Hughes Changes)

Science – Ourselves

RE – Is everybody Special?

PSHE – Being Me in My World

Art/DT – Self Portraits, Bread Making, leaf printing.

PE –

Computing – Turning a laptop on and off, logging onto a laptop, opening and using simple programmes.

Useful Information

Our PE days are **Monday** and **Thursday**. Children can go home on these days in PE kit; please ensure you bring your child's PE kit back to school ready for their next PE session.

In Year 1 children are set eight spellings to learn every week. In the autumn term these spellings are taken from the first 100 High Frequency Words. Spellings are given out on a Friday, then the spelling quiz will take place the following Friday. Please help your child to learn their spellings at home.

Please make sure your child reads as often as possible at home. Each child will have a Big Cat book from our school scheme. The expectation is children read their books at home with an adult at least 5 times a week. Please remember to sign your child's reading record after you listen to them read so we know to change their books.

In Year 1 all children are supplied with a heathy snack of fruit. Children are also welcome to bring their own heathy snack of fruit or vegetables.