



*Year 1*

## *Polkerris Class Booklet*

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*Teaching Assistant: Mrs Johns*

*Student Teacher: Miss Toy*

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## Welcome to Year 1 (Polkerris Class)

Hello! My name is Mrs Lewis and I will be teaching your child in Year 1. I have been teaching for 27 years, most of these at Charlestown School. I have three children.

My eldest child has just completed his Masters degree, my middle child will be starting her final 'A' level year at Truro College in September and my youngest will be starting Year 6 at St. Mewan Primary School, so I do appreciate any worries and questions you may have as your child enters a new school year! Please be assured we are always here to help.

Mrs Johns is our class Teaching Assistant.

Miss Toy, a student teacher with Exeter University, will be working with us in the Autumn and Summer terms.

The purpose of this newsletter is to let you know a little about what your child will be learning during the Autumn term in Year 1.

We will work closely with Mrs Williamson, Mrs Davidson and the children in Harlyn class. Most lessons will be followed by both classes, but some may be class specific.

**English** Your child will be taught daily (Monday to Thursday) in their Read, Write Inc. groups This highly successful literacy programme helps children learn to read and write through a thorough understanding of phonics and word building.



Children are assessed and grouped by ability for these lessons. Your child will be taught by a member of staff from the Key Stage 1 team.

As a class we will learn to retell exciting and challenging texts through 'Talk For Writing'. Learning texts gives children the confidence and support to write their own stories, poetry and non-fiction.. In the Autumn term, to link with our 'Fire' topic, we will be learning a story, 'Maisie's Dragon' and a descriptive poem, 'Tell Me A Dragon'. To link with the Great Fire of London aspect of our topic, we will be learning an instruction text, 'How to make bread.'



**Maths** We aim to give the children a varied and practical approach to maths and endeavour to relate it to everyday life, with emphasis on mastering skills and key vocabulary through using and applying maths. We will be continuing to build on your child's knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and looking at the relationships between the different operations. We will also be developing their knowledge of place value, counting to 100 and beyond and 2D and 3D shape.



**Science** In science, the topic we will be investigating is 'Animals, including humans'. Throughout the year we will be observing the seasons as they change.

**ICT** The class interactive whiteboard is used daily to support lessons. We have access to 30 laptops, 30 netbooks and 30 iPads which will be used to teach ICT skills and to support all other areas of learning. Our ICT themes this term will be: 'We are Treasure Hunters' and 'We are Celebrating'.

**R.E.** We will be exploring the topics: 'God', 'Jesus' and 'Christmas'.

**SEAL (PSHE)/Citizenship** We will be reflecting on 'New Beginnings' and 'Getting On and Falling Out'.

**Topic** We will be covering the curriculum in History, Geography, Music, Design and Technology and Art through a topic each term. This term our topic is 'Fire'.



**P.E.** This term your child will be taught PE on Monday and Friday afternoons. As a school we have adopted a PE curriculum called 'Real PE'. Within our PE this term we will focus on 'Personal Skills' and 'Social Skills'.



Your child may wear a tracksuit and trainers or plimsolls for outdoor P.E. lessons in this term when the weather starts to get cooler, however please ensure your child has black shorts and a white T-shirt for indoor P.E. lessons. This named P.E. kit should be in school at all times. Throughout Year 1 we also keep fit and develop co-ordination skills on a daily basis by following dance sequences on 'Go Noodle' and 'Super Movers'.

**Home Reading books** Please send your child's reading book and book bag into school every day. Your child will be given a book that is the same colour/level as their RWI school book and they will have the opportunity to change it themselves as the books are available at the beginning of the day. We encourage this independence, however if your child forgets to change their book please let us know. There may be times when we are able to listen to your child, but, as a rule, we will not be reading these home books with your child in school, these are for you to read with your child at home.

If your child needs support reading their book, help them to sound out the letters in words and then to 'push' the sounds together to make a whole word. Try not to refer to the letters by their names. Help your child to focus on the sounds. You can hear how to say the sounds correctly at this link: <http://www.ruthmiskintraining.com>

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**Expectations in Year 1** Children are encouraged at all times to be polite, diligent and hard working. The expectations are high and we try to instil in the children, a sense of pride and achievement in everything they do. We encourage and teach independence and organisational skills.

**Class rewards Dojo points** (Whole school system) **Green** dojo points are awarded for excellent behaviour, attitudes and work. **Red** dojo points are given for behaviours and attitudes which need work.

**Secret Student** (Class system) One name is picked randomly each day. The children are not aware who is Secret Student until the end of the day when the name of the student is revealed. If that child has worked hard, listened well and behaved brilliantly throughout the day they receive their certificate, 1 green dojo and a treat! If they have not earned their certificate their name will not be revealed, but hopefully they will achieve it on the next occasion their name is picked.

**Superhero of the Week** (Class System) One child will be picked at the end of the week. They will be chosen for a specific reason for example, demonstrating exceptional behaviour, working their hardest, being a fantastic friend, etc. They will bring home Super Ted for a weekend of adventures!



**Morning routine for the first day** On the first day of school in September, the playground gate will be unlocked at 8.30 a.m. as usual. At 8.45 a.m. Year 1 children walk around to the classroom. Please feel free to accompany your child. It will be lovely to see you all. Please help your child find their peg in the cloakroom and hang up their PE bag and coat. Your child will be assigned a coloured home table where they will sit when they come into school in the mornings. They will have named coloured boxes for book bags and drinks bottles which correspond to their colour home table. Please encourage your child to place their book bags and drinks bottles in the correct box. Please don't worry, we will be there to help!

We do not have the opportunity during the day to read individual communication books and so do not have a communication book or box in Year 1. However, if you need to get a message to us at the beginning of the day, please tell the member of staff on the gate or speak to a member of the office staff who will be happy to pass on any messages. We will post photos and reminder messages on Class Dojo, so please ensure you are signed up! Many thanks for your support!

Forest School Polkerris will be visiting Forest School on selected afternoons throughout the term. Please note, this is not every week. More information to follow.



We are very lucky to have an area immediately outside our classroom which the children access daily to support their learning. Activities and resources are planned to support every area of the curriculum.

Picking-up routine at the end of the school day: At 3.05pm, please wait in the Infant playground. We will bring the children through the EYFS area and send them to you from the EYFS gate. As I am sure you are aware, there are many parents and carers collecting children at this time. This



 year, many Year 1 parents have waited near the boat and this has helped us greatly in spotting who is picking up each child. It is very helpful if you can be looking for your child and waving to us when they are at the front of the line. We will only send them to you when we are sure you have seen each other.

**Finally...** Please ensure your child brings a coat to school as we will go outside to play in all weathers!

All children must bring a **named** bottle of water to school.

We hope you will find this booklet useful.

If you have any further questions we are always willing to answer them at the end of the school day when things are generally less frantic than at the beginning!

We look forward to a happy & enjoyable year working with you and your child.