



September
2026



Welcome to
Year 1

Learning Together
Having Fun!



Year 1

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Year 1 is a very happy and friendly place to learn, full of love and positivity.

Our children are encouraged to explore the world around them and to make the most of every opportunity they experience.

We value each child for the person they are and firmly believe that every child has the right to a creative and inspiring curriculum.

Year 1 Staff

Mrs Graham
Year Group Leader

Mrs Burrows (Maternity Cover)

Mrs Welch
Class Teacher

Mrs Bacciochi
Class Teacher

Mrs Ferrara
Class Teacher

Mrs Wheeler
Teaching
Assistant

Miss Davies
Teaching
Assistant

Ms Dalton
Teaching
Assistant

Moving to Year 1



Transition to Year 1

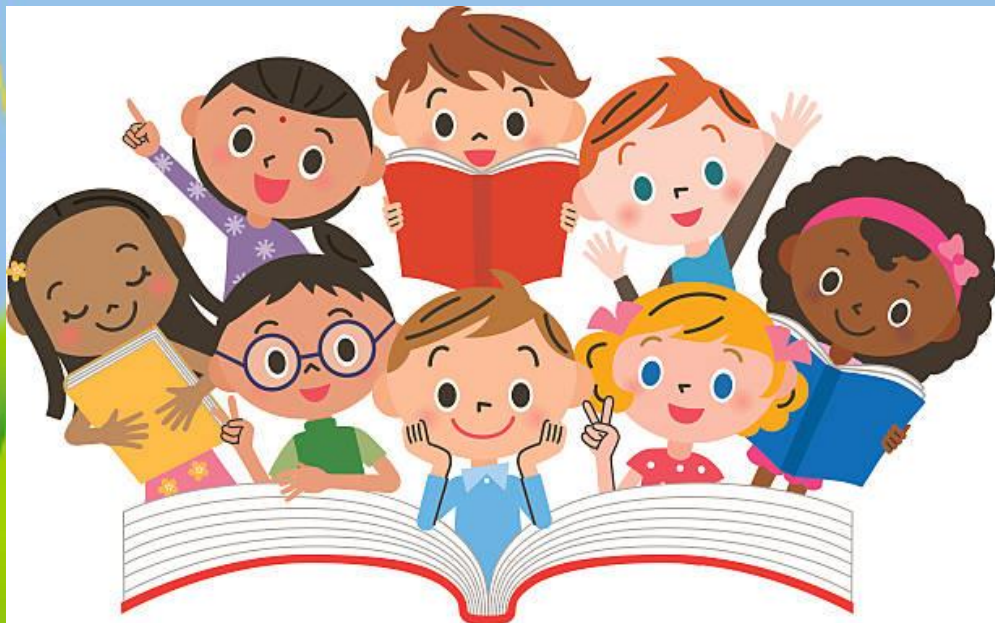
What will the first few weeks look like?



- Your child's Reception teacher has had many conversations with their Year 1 teacher about your child's needs and the things they are interested in.
- During the first weeks of Year 1 we will be working in a similar way to reception
- There will be a relaxed and supportive environment centred around themed topics and structured learning time in their family groups and free play.
- Our Year 1 classrooms will mirror as much as possible the experiences they had in Reception. There will be opportunities to explore and learn outside and plenty of time to learn through play.

We Love To Read

*Reading gives us
someplace to go
when we have to
stay where we are*



Why do we need to read every day?

- Learning to read is about listening and understanding as well as working out what's printed on the page. Through hearing stories, children are exposed to a wide range of words.
- This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they listen, which is vital as they start to read. It's important for them to understand how stories work too. Even if your child doesn't understand every word, they'll hear new sounds, words and phrases which they can then try out, copying what they have heard.
- As children start to learn to read at school, you can play an important role in helping to keep them interested in books. Find out what interests them, help them to find books that will be engaging and fun, and spend time reading the books they bring home from school together.

Phonics

Why is daily phonics important?

- In Year 1 we teach phonics at least once a day, we may often revisit sounds throughout the day to help embed their understanding.
- **Phonics** teaches children how to decode letters into their respective sounds, a skill that is essential for them to read unfamiliar words by themselves.
- Having phonic knowledge will allow children to make the link between the unfamiliar printed words to their spoken knowledge.



Maths

Hands on Maths!

- Our Year 1 maths curriculum allows the children to develop through a Concrete, Pictorial, and Abstract approach, which is key for teaching mastery within a topic.
- Concrete resources are essential for introducing a new concept and allowing children to build understanding of a topic at a mastery level. We use breadth of understanding to ensure they can apply their understanding in a variety of ways.



Curriculum Themes



The Year 1 Curriculum Journey at Peters Hill Primary School



Autumn

How have we changed since we were born?

What changes can we see in the school environment?

How do we know it is Autumn?

Why do trees lose their leaves?

How do we know the weather has become colder?

Can we build our own weather station?

How do animals prepare for winter?

Why do we wear warmer clothes in Winter?

What would it be like if people hibernated in Winter?

Spring

Living Things
Animals, humans and plants

Are we animals too?

What senses do animals and human share?

How can we sort animals into groups?

Were fossils once alive?

How did Mary Anning help us understand fossils?

Are plants alive? How do we know?

Can we record the growth of our pea plants?

We are proud of the UK
Places and people

Summer

What would our country be like without nurses to look after us?

What changes did Florence make?

Who was Florence Nightingale?

Who looks after us when we are ill in the UK?

What features are in our local area?

What is the UK?

Can we name the countries of the UK? What are the capital cities?

How are the Sicilly Isles different to where we live?



Blogs

We use our class blogs to share the learning journey that happens in each classroom.

Please visit it regularly as there will be many useful links and homework will be set here digitally.

Books to Read at Home

Posted on June 23, 2020 by mrsgraham2013

I know many of you are looking for additional books to read with your children at home while we are away from school.

There is a great website which I have linked below that allows the children access to over 7000 different books. Each book can be read in an e-reader. I cannot recommend this website enough, it really is brilliant!

The books span an age range from 5years - 15years so you will need to guide your child to a read that is appropriate.

***The younger aged books appear to be at the bottom of the pages.**

If you select a book there is an option for more info



School Bag

Small Reading Book Bags ONLY

Children do not need a pencil case



Water Bottles

Water ONLY in water bottles sent to school.

Please ensure all of these items are labelled with your child's name and class.



PE

School PE Uniform
must be worn and
clearly labelled

- Long hair tied back
- No earrings or other jewellery
- Warm black or navy tracksuit for weekly outdoor PE



PE Days

1LG. Monday and Tuesday
1TB Monday and Thursday
1JB Monday and Wednesday
1BF Monday and Thursday



PE Days

On PE days the children can come in their PE Kit. We go outside for PE as much as possible, even in frosty, windy and showery weather.

Please send your child in a warm black or navy tracksuit with a plain white t-shirt beneath. Then, they can take off their sweatshirt if they get too warm.



The School Day

Back playground at
classroom door.

Drop off 8.35 – 8.45

Pick Up 3.15



The School Day

Front playground at
conservatory door.

Drop off 8.35 – 8.45

Pick Up 3.15





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Thank you!

We look forward to meeting you
all in September!