



## Welcome to Year 1!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a fun summer holiday. We've been really excited to have the children back at school and are really pleased with how well they have settled in already. I am really looking forward to working with you all this year and getting to know all the children in Year 1.

In order to enable you to support your child's learning at home, we have outlined below some of the topics that we will be learning this term:

English	This term children will be looking at fairy tales such as the Gingerbread man, Hansel and Gretel and Little Red Riding Hood. They will be learning to sequence events, identify language features such as adjectives and write their own versions of the traditional tales. In addition to this, they will continue to develop their phonics understanding as well as using common exception words for Year 1.
Maths	The children will be learning to recognise, order and form numbers correctly. We will also be learning about number bonds to 10 and 20, addition and subtraction for single and two digit numbers, and developing an understanding of simple place value of numbers to 20. We will be encouraging the children to use mathematical language such as; more than, less than, equal, next, before and after.
Science	We will be talking about the use everyday materials. Children will be exploring everyday objects and considering what they are made of and their properties. Children will consider why household objects are made of a particular type of material and use scientific vocabulary such as hard, soft, strong, flexible, waterproof, rough and smooth.
Topic/ Foundation subjects.	In Geography we will be looking at drawing simple maps such as our class rooms and the bedrooms. We will be learning about how toys now are different from those in the past (History). Religious stories (RE), New beginnings & Saying no to bullying (PSHE) and Invasion games and dance (PE), Singing and keeping in rhythm (Music), Saving and retrieving work & Publishing using Paint and Fine art and print making (Art).

You may also find the following information useful:

### School lunch

Year 1 are entitled to universal free school meals. If you would like your child to have a hot school meal, the menu is available on our website. Please take a look at the menu with your child so they will be familiar with the choices. If your child has any dietary requirements or allergies please inform your class teacher or school office. If you would prefer your child to have a packed lunch please ensure you label their lunch bag and do not include any nuts or fizzy drinks.

### School library

Each class will have the opportunity to visit the KS1 library during the week. This will give them the opportunity to explore books and select one of their choice. The class teacher will indicate your

child's library day on their reading diary so that books can be returned to the school and new ones can be issued. Children should bring home a library book and a guided reading book each week.

## PE

Children will have an indoor and outdoor session of PE during the week. P.E times are flexible and therefore we would appreciate it, if you would ensure that your child's PE kit is in school and remains in school for the half term. The P.E kit list is available on the school website.

## Home learning

We would really appreciate it if you could assist your child and support them in their Home Learning activities:

<b>Homework/Subject</b>	<b>Guidance</b>
Spellings	These will be given out every Friday and tested on the following Friday.
Maths	This will be set every other Thursday. The homework will reflect what the children have been learning in class.
Home Learning Matrix	Set every other Thursday and returned the following Thursday to be marked by the class teacher. The Learning Matrix includes a range of written, mathematical, creative and practical tasks. Please choose only one task from the Matrix each time.
Reading	Children are expected to read their guided reading book once a week. We would appreciate it if you could sign the reading diary after you read with your child at home and ensure this is returned along with the guided reading book on your child's reading day (this will be indicated in the reading diary by your child's teacher). This will allow your child to be issued a new book the following week.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to speak with me.

I look forward to working with you all.

Best wishes,

Mrs P Master

Assistant Headteacher (Years 1 and 2)