

Welcome to Year 1!

On behalf of myself and the Year 1 team, we welcome both you and your child to Year 1. We hope that you have had a restful summer and are now ready to start the new school year.

Our aim is to ensure that all children experience a smooth transition from Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Foundation Stage. Children will be challenged throughout their time in Year 1 and will experience a variety of learning styles and new approaches to learning to ensure that they become independent, resilient and motivated learners.

Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions!

Mrs Hill & Mrs Mitchell

General reminders and information

The children will have 2 sessions of PE each week, but should have their PE kit in school each day as there may be the opportunity to have additional sessions. Children are required to have a summer and winter PE kit as one session each week will be outdoors.

Indoor PE kit consists of:

Yellow crested polo shirt
Royal blue shorts
Black pumps

Outdoor PE kit consists of:

Royal blue crested hoody and tracksuit bottoms.
Trainers or black pumps.

All children are expected to be able to undress and dress themselves for PE and to take responsibility to put their PE kit back in their bag. If your child wears shoes with laces please ensure that they are able to tie them, additionally if they wear a non-elasticated tie please teach them how to knot it. All items of your child's clothing, including PE kits, MUST be clearly labelled with your child's name and year group. It is your child's responsibility to look after their own belongings, we are aware that there may be times when children leave items in and around school and we can only return lost items of clothing which are clearly labelled. It is not the role of adults in school to search for children's misplaced uniform.

Please provide your child with a blue school book bag as other bags are too bulky and do not fit into the storage boxes; larger bags are fine for PE kits. Please ensure you check your child's book bag each evening as letters or additional information will be contained within. In order to develop independence during Autumn Term 2 children will be taught to empty their own book bag putting homework, reading books and other items in the correct place within the classroom.

Slightly different to the snack time routine in Foundation Stage, the children will need to be given a snack from home for morning break. Children will be given a healthy snack during afternoon break time. If your child would like milk during morning break please inform the school office. Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle into school although there is also a water fountain available. Please do not allow your child to put their water bottle in their book bag as unfortunately we have had an awful lot of reading books damaged this way.

Your child will be given a reading book to take home each week, rising to 2 books per week as your child progresses with their reading. Please ensure you listen to your child read as often as possible, to gain their weekly mark children are expected to read with an adult at home a minimum of 3 times per week. Feel free to read a range of literature such as streets/road signs, comics, recipes, instructions etc in addition to their school reading book. Please do not feel as though you have to write a great deal in your child's reading record, just a brief note of when and which pages were read and any comments about difficulties which may have arisen.

Children will receive 3 pieces of homework each week. A maths based homework, usually linked to the work completed in school that week. Spelling/phonics homework, within the first couple of weeks children will be experiencing their first 'real' spelling test, and finally at the beginning of each half term children will receive a creative curriculum homework sheet, children are expected to complete a minimum of 1 task each fortnight.