

Welcome to Year One

At the start of the year, we thought it would be helpful to give you some general information about life in Year 1. Our curriculum is planned using Enquiry Themes and we will send you the 'Sticky Knowledge' for each Enquiry Theme at the start of every half term. This information will be the main learning that we hope will stay with the children, together with some key vocabulary. There will be more detailed weekly information on our class pages on the school website. This will include information about the weekly learning in Maths and English.

P.E. & Ball Skills days

For all children in Green Room Ball Skills will be on a Monday afternoon and for Orange Room it will be on a Wednesday afternoon. The sessions are with our sports coach Natalie. The children will need to come to school in their sports clothes (suitable for going outside).

P.E. will be on a Thursday afternoon for Green Room children and on a Friday afternoon for Orange Room. The children will need a small, named bag to be kept in school for the half term containing a T-shirt and some shorts. We will send this home at half term for washing.

What does my child need to bring to school?

The children need a named water bottle at school every day. This will be sent home daily for washing.

It is helpful for the children to have a coat at school every day so that we can go outside even if the weather is damp or cooler.

The children need to bring their book bag and learning journal every day. The learning journal is a key place for communication between school and home. We will check the journals every day.

Reading

A reading book will be allocated to your child by Friday 11th September. Please write in their learning journals every time they read at home as these will be counted for our reading awards. Please also write any comments that may be useful for us to know about your child's reading. The expectation is that children will read for a short period of time every day at home. Asking questions about what your child has read is of equal importance as the actual reading.

In Year 1 we follow the ELS phonics scheme and the books we use are decodable texts that match with the phonic sounds that the children are learning during that week, or previous weeks. We will change these books once a week, usually on a Friday. The children will also bring a reading book of their own choice home to share. These will be chosen from a selection of fiction and non-fiction books.

Show and Tell

The children will take it in turns during the year to do a Show and Tell. They can bring in photos or objects that are related to their Show and Tell and share them with their friends in the class.

The children will also answer questions from their friends about their Show and Tell.

We will let the children know when it is their turn when we start this activity.



We look forward to working with you this year.

The Y1 team