

WELCOME TO YEAR 1

2016-17

TEACHERS

Potter class: Mrs L Martin with Mrs P Coombs

PPA: Mrs N Clappison

Oxenbury class: Mrs P Bryant-Jones with Mrs J Chawe

PPA: Mrs B Broom

Milne class: Miss L Ayre with Mrs T Wood

PPA: Mrs J Atkinson

WHAT TO EXPECT IN YEAR 1

Each morning the children need to organise their belongings which they bring to school in their book bags. Please encourage independence!

- ◉ reading book and reading record-children will change their own books each morning if they finished the book. This still goes into the basket regardless of if the book is finished or not
- ◉ letters and messages for the teacher
- ◉ Children still need a snack. Please can we stress the importance of adhering to the snack policy as we have many allergies in Year One this year
- ◉ lunchbox or school dinner
- ◉ spelling book-spellings will take place on Fridays. New spellings will be given out for children to practise at home. Please do not worry if your child's spellings are different to other children within the year group. Each set of spellings is given by their phonics teacher

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- ◉ Please label all uniform.
- ◉ Please adhere to the school uniform policy.
- ◉ socks
- ◉ Any ear-rings must be plain studs and these must be removed or taped on PE days.
- ◉ Art shirt
- ◉ Class mascot
- ◉ Transition from EYFS to National Curriculum

YEAR 1 ENGLISH

English is taught 5 times a week this will include SPAG and Let's Write sessions.

Reading

- ◉ Expected to change own books once they have read at home.
- ◉ Please be aware that we assess the children regularly in reading and we will move them on when they are ready. Please do not worry about your child's reading level.

Guided reading

- ◉ Most children will read weekly in a guided group, those that are not yet ready will read independently.
- ◉ We will endeavour to read with them individually as often as possible. Timetable varies week to week.

Phonics

- ◉ This will happen daily following the Letters and Sounds programme.
- ◉ We will monitor the children's progress regularly and challenge them appropriately. Pure sounds are a must!

Spellings

- ◉ Spellings will happen every Friday weekly.
- ◉ Please practise regularly with your child.

Writing

- ◉ High Frequency Words
- ◉ More frequent and independent writing.
- ◉ Application of weekly spellings.
- ◉ Please practise independent writing at home.
- ◉ Handwriting and letter formation.
- ◉ Encourage correct pencil grip, writing on the line and correct letter formation.
- ◉ Our Let's Write sessions are an opportunity for us to celebrate writing and to make it fun. Children will be allowed to use any pen (colourful, glitter etc) during this session.

MATHS

- ◉ Maths is taught 5 times a week. We will also use opportunities throughout the day to develop our fluency.
- ◉ In year 1 we focus on; understanding number, addition and subtraction, money, measures, shapes, time, problem solving, place value, simple multiplication and division, simple fractions.
- ◉ We encourage the children to be independent and choose a variety of methods and resources to solve problems.

MATHS

- Please practise number facts at home regularly (number bonds etc) so your child becomes confident to apply these in a variety of ways. Keep an eye out in your child's reading record for notes from the Year One team regarding any areas for practise.
- Although there is no compulsory maths homework, we will provide maths challenges every Friday. These will link to our in school learning. These are for your child's enjoyment and home learning.

TRIPS

We have some fantastic trips in year 1:

- ◉ Brooklands Transport Museum (Autumn term)
- ◉ Morrisons (Spring term)
- ◉ Visit from Birds of Prey (Spring term)
- ◉ Rural Life Centre: A day in the life of a Victorian child (Summer term)

- ◉ We also have visitors throughout the year to talk to our children about the topics we are learning. If you have a specific skill or speciality that ties in with our learning, please let us know!

Newsletters

- These will show the topic for each half term.
- General summary of what will be covered in all subjects

Parent Helpers

- Please speak to your class teacher if you are able to help with reading and other activities (crafts, cooking, library etc)
- We really appreciate any help parents can offer to the Year One team as there are always many jobs that need doing
- A DBS check is required before you start

Parents Evening

These will take place during the Autumn and Spring terms.

- ⦿ They are an opportunity to discuss the progress made against your child's targets and to share new targets.
- ⦿ You will receive a Spring term progress report (before parents evening) and then a final report in the Summer term.
- ⦿ If there is a matter that you would like to discuss in private, please contact the office who will liaise with the class teacher to schedule an appointment.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

- This year the school will be introducing a set of virtues for us all to aspire to.
- We will be discussing and celebrating them in class and encouraging the children to think about them in every day life.
- The virtues, chosen by children , parents and staff are: Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Perseverance, Happiness and Kindness.