

WELCOME TO YEAR 1 2017-18

Teachers:

Mrs L Martin (Potter class teacher)

Miss L Ayre (Oxenbury class teacher)

Mr A Barrett (Milne class teacher)

Mrs Nicholass (KS1 Deputy Head)

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 when they have finished their book. They then put their new book into their group basket. If your child has not read their book, they do not need to change it but will still need to put it into their group basket.
- ◉ letters and messages for the teacher should be put into the red basket on the teacher's desk.
- ◉ Healthy snack-(fruit, yoghurt, crackers and cheese. No chocolate, nuts, crisps or cakes)
- ◉ lunchbox or school dinner - please discuss with your child before school what the choices are for the day.
- ◉ Coats need to be hung on the hooks.
- ◉ PE kits are kept in pigeon holes.
- ◉ spelling book-spellings will take place on Friday. New spellings will be given out for children to practise at home.
- ◉ water bottle (clear and named)

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- Pencil cases: these are not compulsory. They must be small enough to fit into child's drawer. You may want to include a writing pencil, some colouring pencils and a glue stick.
- There will be stationery in each class for all children to access.
- Please label all uniform.
- Please adhere to the school uniform policy.
- Any ear-rings must be plain studs and these must be removed or taped on PE days.
- Art aprons

YEAR 1 ENGLISH

English is taught 5 times a week.

Reading

- ◉ Expected to change own books once they have read at home.
- ◉ They still need to hand their book in even if it has not been read at home.
- ◉ Please be aware that we assess the children regularly in reading and we will move them on when they are ready.

Guided reading

- ◉ All children will read weekly in a guided group. We will endeavour to read with them individually as often as possible.

Phonics

- ◉ This will happen daily following the Letters and Sounds programme.
- ◉ We will monitor the children's progress regularly and challenge them appropriately.

Spellings

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

Writing

- ◉ 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.

MATHS

- ◉ Maths is taught 5 times a week.
- ◉ Children will take part in 'Daily 5' sessions which involves building 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.
- ◉ Please practise number facts at home regularly (number bonds etc) so your child becomes confident to apply these in a variety of ways.

COMPUTING

- ◉ Please practise mouse control and typing skills at home.
- ◉ Please help your child to recognise capital letters on a keyboard.

TRIPS

We have some fantastic trips in year 1:

- ◉ Walk around the local area (Autumn 1)
- ◉ Morrisons (Spring 1)
- ◉ Visit from Birds of Prey (Summer 2)
- ◉ Rural Life Centre: A day in the life of a Victorian child (Summer 2)

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)
- ⦿ 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.

Phonics Screening Check

In June, there will be a compulsory phonics screening check. The Government requires that all children participate in the check.

We will be holding an information evening nearer the time.

In the meantime, if you wish to find out more information, please look online.