



September 2024

Welcome to Year 1

Dear Parents,

It has been a fantastic start to the year. The children have settled in quickly and we are enjoying getting to know them. This is a quick letter to share a bit more information about Year 1 but please do feel free to speak to any of our team if you have any further questions.

Reading and Phonics

We follow 'Supersonic Phonics Friends' systematic synthetic phonics programme. The children are taught in phonics groups and their reading books are carefully selected to match the phonics sounds they have been taught. The phonics book that your child takes home is an opportunity for your child to show you what they have learnt in school. This will allow them to practise with confidence and develop their fluency with their reading. Please read this book several times over the week to support their fluency. This book should come to school every day so we can also listen to the children read throughout the week. The children will also bring home a library book that they choose. Sometimes the books they choose may be challenging and will be an opportunity for you to share a book as a family. Both the phonics book and library book will be changed on a **Monday**. If you have any questions, please ask a member of the year 1 team.

To promote a love of reading, we also have a reading race in our 'under the sea' library area for the children. Every time your child reads a book, please note all the books they read in your child's reading record so we can move them along the stepping stones to move closer to the treasure chest!

In June, your child will complete the national, statutory Phonics Screening Check. As this date gets closer, we will send some words home with your child to practise and prepare them for the Screening Check.

Curriculum

You can find out about what we are learning in school and ways that you can support your child at home in our curriculum newsletter each half term.

P.E.

In Year 1, our P.E. day is **Wednesday**. Please send your child to school in weather appropriate P.E. kit (in line with the school policy) which they will wear for the day. When the weather is dry, we do try to take our PE lesson outside. Please ensure children take their earrings out on Wednesdays.

Packed Lunches and Water Bottles

We promote a healthy diet in school so please ensure that your child's lunchbox reflects this. It is important we are mindful of our children with allergies so please make sure that lunchboxes do not contain nuts of any kind. Please send your child to school with a named water bottle each day.

Uniform

Thank you for your help in sending your child to school in the correct uniform. If you need support with this, please speak to your child's class teacher or the office as we may be able to help you. Our uniform expectations can be found on our school website. Please ensure all items are clearly named as this makes it easier for returning misplaced items of uniform.

Thanks for your support,

The Year 1 Team

Headteacher: Mr R Fordham

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs N Broderick Office Manager: Mrs A Collins Safeguarding Leader: Ms D Mann
Assistant Headteachers: Mr J Dymock, Mrs R Fuller, Mrs M Johnstone and Mrs R Rhodes