



Welcome to Year 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new school term in Year 1! We hope you all had a lovely summer break and are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead.

Staffing:

Mrs Kite will be teaching the class on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Mrs Turner will be teaching the class on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Martin will work as the class Teaching Assistant on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Hall will work as the class Teaching Assistant on Wednesdays. Mrs Martin, will teach the class on Tuesday afternoons and Friday afternoons to cover the teachers' Planning, Preparation and Assessment time.

Weekly Reminders:

- **PE lessons** will take place on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** and we will continue to do the daily run. The children will need their PE kit in a PE bag which will be kept at school. This will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed. We hope to be outside as much as possible for P.E. As the weather gets cooler, the children should wear a plain/unbranded tracksuit top and bottom or a Maple school hoodie and suitable leggings/ jogging bottoms.
- **Every child needs a named water bottle** in school and this will be sent home **every night** for a good wash and needs to come back into school every morning with fresh water.
- **Library** – the children will visit the school library every **Thursday**. The children will choose a book to take home each week. *Reminder* – the children will only be able to take a book home if they bring back the book they borrowed the previous week.

Topics covered this term:

Science – Uses of everyday materials and seasonal change. We will be identifying and comparing different materials. We will be looking at the different trees and animals around the school grounds and thinking about how leaves change throughout the year.

History – Schools. We will be thinking about some of the most important parts of school and how these were different in the past. We will be looking at a typical school day and thinking about what it must have been like to be at school in the past.

Geography - We will be looking at 'What is Geography', the weather and the seaside.

RE – Different Creation stories & Harvest and the Christian festival of Christmas.

PE – 1st half of term: Handball & Tag Rugby, 2nd half of term: Basketball & Football

Music – 'My Musical Heartbeat' topic (pulse, pitch & rhythm focus) & Christmas play songs.

Art – Earth Art – using outdoor materials to create different pieces of art.

Children will continue to have Read Write Inc Phonics lessons 4 days a week and 1 whole class Literacy lesson. In class we will be reinforcing these skills in further English activities and through Guided Reading sessions. Please support your child's individual reading at home through short and regular reading sessions

and continue to use the Reading Diary as before. It is important to write in the reading diary as it provides a crucial link between you and us and helps us all to support and further your child's reading. If the child has 4 reading entries in 1 week they will get their 'Reading Target Achieved' sticker. The children will continue to change their books once a week during their Guided Reading session. They will bring 2 or 3 books home. The children will only be able to change their books if they return the previous week's books. It is important that your child reads a book several times as re-reading a text helps to build their fluency and reinforce their word recognition. We will move your child up to the next reading level when we feel they are ready, based on Guiding Reading sessions, individual reading and comprehension skills. There is a Year 1 recommended reading list on the school website. Please remember to also read the Bug Club books that we allocate the children online. Your username and password is the same as it was in Reception. We aim to replenish these regularly, but please ask if you run out of books.

Children will be given spellings to learn at home and these will be put in their red spelling books. These books need to be in school on **Fridays when the children will have a spelling check and new spellings for the next week will be stuck in.** Words are often repeated in their spellings, in order to help them 'stick' in their long term memories. Please support your child to learn these spellings and remind them doing their best is all that we ask 😊

Our Maths work will include lots of oral work and number games to support their learning. This term we shall be using positional language & ordinal numbers, finding patterns in numbers, counting & comparing, estimating & ordering, solving addition & subtraction problems, doing problem solving investigations, doubling & halving, exploring odd & even numbers and the names & properties of 2d and 3d shapes.

Weekly homework will consist of daily reading practice, weekly spellings to learn and an additional, optional maths task. This may be a worksheet, an activity or a game to do at home or an online activity. This will be set on Google Classroom every Friday. There is no need to send in this completed work to school. Approximately once a half term, instead of a Maths task, a Science activity will be set for homework.

At the end of the day we will dismiss the children from the classroom. They will only be allowed to go once we can see the **adult** picking them up. **If your child is going home with someone different from normal please can you let us know, and remind the person picking up about the password.** Your passwords will be the same as in Reception. If you wish to change it, please see one of the teachers.

There will be a 'Soft Start' to the school day where children can be dropped at school in the morning between **8.40-8.45 am**. Please make sure the children are in the classroom during this time so we can start our morning lessons promptly. The school day will end at **3.15 pm**.

With thanks for your support,

Mrs Kite, Mrs Turner and the Year 1 Team.