

Welcome to year one!

Hello and welcome to year one. We hope you had a fantastic summer holidays and you are ready for another great year at school. The year one team consists of Mrs Lee- Elkins (class teacher), Mrs Kitson and Mrs Gear.

Learning in year one

We have worked closely with Mrs Boffin to ensure a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage Curriculum to the Key Stage One Curriculum. The first two terms combine aspects of both curriculums to cater for the needs of all the children in the class. Year One is an important year for children to develop independent learning skills through a range of activities.

Home learning (Reading, Key words and home learning activities)

Reading: Books will be changed every day. We are encouraging the children to become independent and put their book in either the 'finished' or 'continue to read' boxes. Comments in the reading record about how your child read and their understanding of the book would be fantastic. Your child will have many opportunities to read in school too. They will read to our wonderful volunteer helpers and within phonics and guided reading sessions.

Key words: Your child will continue to be tested on their key words in year one. Confidence with key words can have a great effect on the children's abilities to read and spell with fluency. Each child will bring home a 'key words' book with their next list of words to read or spell. Key words will then be tested each Thursday afternoon and a note will be made of any words that your child may have struggled with. The children will then move on to the next list when they can read or spell 7 or more of the words with confidence. Please ensure that the key word books are kept in your child's book bag.

Home learning books: During the first week your child will bring a home learning book home with them. In the front of the home learning book their will information regarding our latest topic and opportunities for home learning. The home learning can be recorded in range of ways so please take a look and ask if you have any questions.

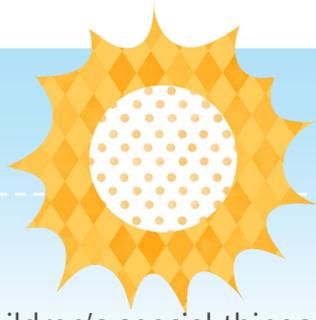
PE

PE sessions will take place throughout the week. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit and all items of PE kit are named. For PE sessions hair should be tied up and earrings covered.

Welly Boots!

We have lots of fun activities planned for the children to complete in the woods! So that we can get down to the woods whatever the weather please could you send your child into school with a pair of named welly boots that can be kept in school throughout the year. We plan to head down to the woods





Show and tell

It is always fantastic to hear about the children's special things and see pictures of anywhere they have been recently. Please see the parent's notice board (on the year one classroom window) for a list of when each house group has the opportunity to show and tell something special to them. Any items for show and tell will be stored carefully in the classroom however we cannot take responsibility for any accidents or breakages.

Discussions with teachers

Before and after school are busy times of day in the year one classroom! Teachers are generally available for brief discussions with parents or carers but please note that it may not always be possible (on duty and meeting days). As a school we believe that the home- school link is incredibly important to your child's development so you are welcome to make an appointment for a longer chat if you have any concerns or questions.

In order to develop the children's independent skills and encourage them to settle into the morning activity quickly, it would be appreciated if parents and carers could say goodbye to their children at the door.

Year One topics- can you help?!

As you can see on the attached topic plan, we have many exciting learning opportunities planned. If you have any particular interest, knowledge or resources relating to any of the topics then please let us know. Equally, any help throughout the week and with special events would be greatly appreciated! We are always grateful for any helping hands!

Water bottles

Although cups and water are always available, if possible, please could children bring a labelled water bottle to school with them. This makes snack time and drinks throughout the day much easier.

Things to bring to school each day

Book bag, reading record and reading book, Key words book and water bottle.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to getting to know both you and your child over the next few weeks. Please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff if you have any questions.

Many thanks,

Mrs Lee-Elkins, Mrs Gear and Mrs Kitson

