YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

We are delighted that you and your child will be joining us in Year 1 where we provide a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment where children are encouraged to dream, believe and achieve. A key focus for Year 1 will be our reading and writing, ready for our Phonics screening in the Summer term. Our topics this term will be My World and Materials
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the team.
Miss Hughes, Miss Povey Mrs Cluney & Miss Johnson.

Be Windy SMART!

Children are encouraged to care for each other, their belongings, and the learning environment, instilling responsibility and respect. When challenging behaviour occurs, staff address it directly, explaining consequences and guiding children towards positive choices.



Attendance & Absences

Regular attendance helps children build routines, develop friendships, and make the most of their learning experiences.



Class Dojo & Reward System

Class Dojo is our school communication platform and reward system that teachers, children, and families use every day to build close-knit communities. Through Class Dojos we will share:

- Photos and updates on classroom activities
- Homework reminders and instructions
- Celebrations of pupil achievements

P.E KIT

- Green T-Shirt
- Black Shorts/Joggers or Leggings
- ALL Black Trainers/ Plimsoles
- Purple Hoodies are also allowed



Our P.E days are: Mondays and Fridays.

We expect all children to come to school in the correct P.E kit on the days they have P.E.

IMPORTANT DATES

11th September	Roald Dahl Day
29th September	School Open Day
1st October	National Poetry Day
14th & 15th October	Parents Evening
23rd October	INSET Day
17th November	Year 1 Art Workshop
4th December	Christmas Fayre
10th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

DREAM
BELIEVE
ACHIEVE

English

This term we will be focusing on 2 texts as well as a rhyming poetry unit. In Autumn 1 we will be looking at Peace At Last by Jill Murphy.



The children will be exploring descriptive writing focusing on the setting and characters.
We will also be writing a fact file on bears.

In Autumn 2 we will be looking at Here We Are by Oliver Jeffers.



The children will be writing a setting description and creating a 'guide to planet Earth' leaflet.

Reading

Reading Practice Each week there are 3 sessions of reading practice, linked to our Little Wandle scheme. The books are matched appropriately to each child's phonic knowledge. The children will have a different focus each session; decoding, prosody and comprehension. At the end of the week they will be sent home with their reading practice book to share with you at home.

Shared Reading In Year 1 we have 1 shared reading session per week where they will focus on different toolkits to enhance their comprehension skills. This term we will be reading Peace At Last.

Reading for Pleasure In Year 1 the children are encouraged change their book throughout the week. These reads go towards their 'Rainbow Reader' badges.

Mathematics

In maths the children will be building upon the skills that they have learned in Reception. We follow the Maths No Problem program which uses a concrete, pictoral and abstract approach.

This term the children will be learning:

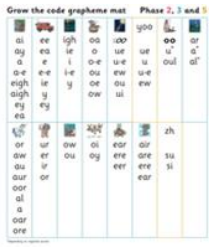
- number and place value to 20
- addition and subtraction within 20
- position and direction

additionally we will begin to look at our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Phonics

We follow Little Wandle Letters and Sounds. During the Autumn term, the children will start by recapping some of the sounds that they have learned in Reception before moving onto Phase 5 where they will be learning alternative graphemes for those sounds.





Don't miss our 'Phonics Inspire Workshop' where we will be sharing everything about PHONICS!

Science

In Autumn 1 we will be investigating different materials such as plastic, wood, glass and metal and their properties.



In Autumn 2 we will be learning about seasonal change.



We will be answering our enquiry questions using skills such as predicting, observing and classifying.

P.E

During this term we will be covering 4 different areas.

- Ball skills passing, dribbling, throwing, catching, rolling and running



- Gymnastics jumps, rolls and balances



- Ball games running, throwing, catching and playing a variety of ball games



- indoor athletics running, leaping, throwing, skipping and jumping.



Humanities

In geography we will be looking at my world and my school.
We will cover:



- -our school
- -where we live
- -the UK
- -the world
- -human and physical features
- -weather around the world

In history we will be looking at toys We will cover:



- -toys over time
- -changes in toys over time
- -similarities and differences in toys over time

Homework

Homework will be sent out each week on Friday and needs to be returned by Wednesday. Homework will be uploaded to class Dojo to save printing costs unless requested.
Each week the children will have:

- a reading practice book
- a piece of homework linked to their learning that week
- a reading for pleasure book (this can be changed throughout the week)

Please note that if your child's reading practice book is not returned/becomes lost you will be charged and your child will no longer be able to bring their books home.

Parental Support

We would love to see any additional work, achievement or what the children have been up to at home. Please upload these to dojo so that we can celebrate these moments. Your support with homework, workshops and attendance is always appreciated. If you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher on Dojo.