

Autumn Newsletter

Welcome to Year 1

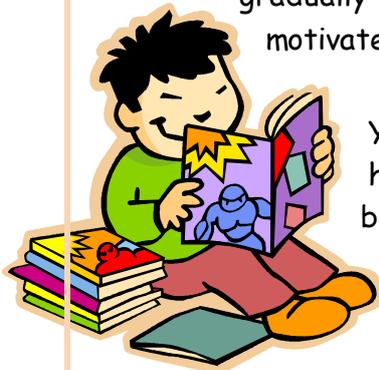


Welcome to a new school year and to Year 1. The children have already settled well into their new class and we have had a busy week after finding some animal footprints on our ceiling!

Our Year 1 team is:

Mr Heron: Class Teacher Mrs Clifford: Teaching Assistant.
Miss Oates will be teaching on Thursday mornings.

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage 1. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception and the curriculum has a heavy focus on the development of skills. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day. The children will then gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners.



Your child has been given a reading book and a reading record this week. They have a space to record comments about how your child has read. They should be able to read the book independently sounding out unfamiliar words. Books will be changed if your child has read on a **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. Please aim to listen to your child read as often as possible.

Homework: There will be a homework activity for each week which will be given out on a Monday to be returned by the following Monday. This may sometimes be set through an online program called Active Learn. More details on this including your child's password will be communicated to you soon. The children will also be given a half-termly set of activities related to our topic. This will be stuck into your child's homework book at the beginning of each half term with a number of different tasks. Your child may choose to complete them in any order they wish, however please encourage them to complete as many of the tasks as you can. Please feel free to be as creative as you like with presentation and use the online Tapestry program to upload any photos or videos.

PE Days: Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Please ensure your child has the appropriate PE kit in school at all times. Please ensure all PE items are named in case anything gets lost. We are looking forward to working with you to ensure your child makes good progress this year and that learning is fun!

Please do not hesitate to come and see us if there is anything that you need to discuss concerning your child's education.



Thank you for your support and co-operation.
Mr Heron and the Year 1 team.