

Welcome to Year 1

with Miss Jeffreys and Miss Allad

September – October 2024



Welcome to Year 1!

Miss Jeffreys and Miss Allad here! We hope you all had a lovely summer and have managed to have a good rest. We have loved getting to know the children and hearing all of the children's news from the summer. We're pleased to let you know that all children are settling in well to life in Year 1 and getting used to their new routines. It's a big change coming from Early Years and the children are eager to learn more and more. We still have lots of opportunities to learn through play as well as learning in the classroom by developing our maths, reading and writing skills.

English

Our writing unit this half term is all about Traditional Tales. Children will explore a series of traditional tales including; Rapunzel, The Princess and the Pea and our core text will be The Gingerbread Man. The children will learn to retell the story confidently, map out the Gingerbread Man's journey. We will also write a set of instructions on how to make your very own gingerbread man. We will follow our instructions to make our own in Design Technology. Children will be immersed in the topic through drama and role-play. We will also be having daily phonics sessions and children will become secure in their Set 2 sounds. You will see a sound mat to help in your child's planner.

Speed Sounds Set 1

m	a	s	d	t
i	n	p	g	o
c	k	u	b	f
e	l	h	sh	r
j	v	y	w	th
z	ch	qu	x	ng nk

Maths

Children will be learning about the place of value of numbers. They will understand the place value of numbers initially up to ten. You can help at home by practising counting to 10 and beyond. We would also appreciate your support in helping your child to form their numbers correctly. There is a page in your child's planner which shows how to form the numbers! We will also be learning how to add and subtract numbers to ten using counting objects, drawing number problems and finding the total.



General notices

Please look out for key messages about news and events by checking Class Dojo regularly. Please 'like' our posts so that we can see you have read them.

Reading books

All of the children will have a reading book or a reading sheet and this will be changed on a weekly basis. Your child's book will be collected every **Thursday** and a new book will be provided on a **Friday**. Please make sure your child brings in their reading book to school every day as the children will be read with in class.

Please read with your child at least three times a week and sign your child's planner.

PE

PE clothes should be worn on PE days only. Please ensure your child wears a plain black top or hoody and some black bottoms or shorts. Trainers can be worn **ONLY** on PE days.

Oliver Jeffers Class (Miss Jeffreys): PE days are on Tuesday and Thursday.

Mae Jemison Class (Miss Allad): PE days are on Tuesday and Thursday.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch at pick up time.

Many thanks,

The Year 1 Team

Important Days

- Traditional Tale Day - Date to be confirmed.
- Parents Evening - 7th October 2024
- Training day- 25th October
- Half Term holidays- 25th October-4th November

You can help by:

- Reading with your child **everyday**
Listening to your child read and sharing stories with them is so important. Please ask questions about the book to check your child's understanding. The books taken home by the children are of a high quality so it's important to make the best use of them as they have been carefully matched to the reading level
- Practising new phonics sounds (access to home videos to follow)
- Practising counting up to 100 in steps of 2, 5 and 10
- Forming numbers and letters correctly