

Year 1 Newsletter



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Other staff: Mrs Munday and Mrs Smith

Welcome to Year 1! We hope you had a lovely summer holiday and your children are ready to learn lots of new and exciting things. Our main theme for Term 1 is based around the painting 'Surprised' by Henri Rousseau. See the attached Curriculum Map for more detail.

The information below shows some of the new things they will be learning and how you can help support their learning at home. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions you may have. We are really looking forward to a busy and exciting term with the children.

All Year One parents are invited to our 'Meet the teacher' talk on Wednesday 13th September at 2.30pm. This is a great opportunity for you to visit the classrooms, find out about the year ahead and ask any questions. We hope that you are able to make it.

Our Day:

8.50 : Register and Early Morning Work
9.10 -9.50 : Lesson 1, normally English or Maths
10.00-10.30 : Collective Worship
10.30 -10.45: Playtime
10. 45 -11.40 : Lesson 2, normally English or Maths
11.40 -12.00 : Phonics
12.00 – 1.15 : Lunchtime
1.15 - Register
1.30 – 2.30: Other Curriculum subjects
2.30 – 3.00 : Child Initiated – 'planning'
3.00 – 3.15 : Story and home time

PE Days:

This term we will have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit and it is **clearly named**. As we will be having some outside PE, please ensure your child has trainers, preferably with Velcro. Please provide your child with navy blue tracksuit trousers or leggings, so that they are prepared for colder days.

Playtimes and Outside Learning

Whatever the weather, we want your child to be prepared for learning opportunities and playing outside. Please ensure they have a suitable waterproof jacket in school daily. Also it would be helpful to have a pair of wellies which they can keep in school.

Phonics

Daily Phonics will be taught for 20 mins to develop the children's speaking and listening, reading and writing skills. The children will learn to blend and segment real and nonsense words in preparation for the National Year 1 Screening. A useful website for supporting your child with Phonics is www.phonicsplay.co.uk.

Reading

Please ensure that your child has their reading book **every day**. Please ensure that you indicate whether your child has finished the book by signing. Your comments are very helpful. We will be changing books on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We will be encouraging the children to put their books out ready when they arrive into class.

Special Events for our class this term:

We are already busy planning our trip to Howletts (more info to follow). We will visit the church as part of our learning about Baptism. On Wednesday 18th October, you will be invited into school to see all of our work based on 'Surprised'.

Home Learning : Each child will have a Home Learning book, which will be sent home every Friday. Every term you will be given a series of suggested optional activities which you can select from if you choose. Any recording through pictures, writing or photographs can be included in the Home Learning book. In addition, a list of Instant recall facts relating to Maths and English, which have already been introduced in school, will be sent home. Please revisit these regularly – little and often.