



# Year 1 Newsletter

## Terms 1 & 2

We are looking forward to a very exciting year in Year 1. We have lots of exciting activities planned which we are sure the children will enjoy. We have put a copy of your child's class timetable in their contact book. To ensure a smooth transition from Year R, the children will be following a similar format to the Foundation Stage Curriculum for the first term and will gradually move to a more formal approach.

### Staff in Year One

Miss Stagg will be teaching Koala Class and Miss Thomas will be teaching Kangaroo Class. We will also have Mrs Andrews, Mrs Cole and Mrs Mullins as our teaching assistants.

### Reminders

- All children must have a named water bottle in school daily.
- Fruit is provided for morning play. If you wish your child to have any other fruit, please ensure it is clearly named.
- If you wish for your child to have milk, you can sign up at: [www.coolmilk.com/schools](http://www.coolmilk.com/schools).
- The school day will run from 8.45am (please arrive between 8.45am-8.55am) until 3.30pm. Pupils will enter and leave the building through the main office.
- Please ensure your child has a suitable coat that is clearly named.
- If your child needs any medicine in school such as an asthma pump, please make sure that it is in date, clearly labelled and a medicine form is filled out to accompany it.
- Pupils should not wear nail varnish to school.
- Jewellery should not be worn to school, except stud earrings (no hoops).





## Kit and equipment

We try to do as much outdoor P.E. as possible, therefore, please can you provide trainers and a plain blue or black tracksuit in addition to your child's indoor kit to be kept in their PE bag. PE kits will be sent home every half term to be washed. Earrings must be removed for PE days, if your child cannot do this independently, please can these be removed before they come into school.

**Woodland Adventure will be continuing this year and will be on a Friday.** Please ensure your child has a pair of wellington boots or old trainers, waterproof trousers and a jacket sent in weekly. We suggest an extra pair of socks in the winter too as they often get wet and muddy!

Children in Year 1 **do not** need to bring a pencil case or any other stationery.

**Please ensure all your child's uniform and P.E. kit is clearly named.**

## Reading

Children will read with the class teacher, or teaching assistant, across three sessions within the week. Your child will be reading a Little Wandle scribed book during these sessions. This book will be **sent home on a Thursday** for them to share the book with you at home. **This book will need to be returned on the following Monday morning** ready for books to be changed over between groups for new sessions.

Your child will also bring home a library book of their choice to promote reading for pleasure. This is to read/share with you at home. **This will be changed over every Friday.**

We have found that children make far greater progress when reading regularly at home. We recommend 10 minutes every day of reading or sharing a book. This can be recorded in their reading record book.

## Phonics

We will continue to follow the Little Wandle phonics programme and we will be focusing on different sounds each week. The children will be encouraged to look for known sounds in their reading and in the world around them.





## Homework

Alongside 10 minutes of daily reading, from Term 2, Year 1 children will be set the following homework per week:

1. A worksheet focused on phonics/reading or maths.
2. A game or practical activity focused on phonics/reading or maths.

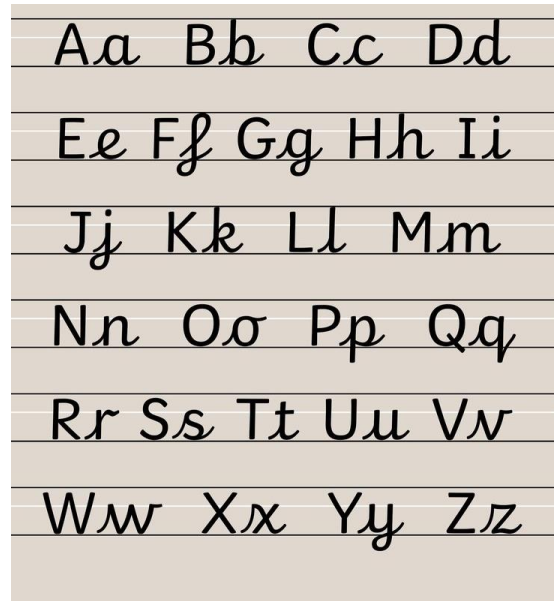
The worksheet will be printed and put into book bags and the link/instructions for the activity/game will be uploaded onto Google Classroom.

Homework will be both issued and collected back in from the previous week every Friday.

## Handwriting

In Year 1 we teach and practice handwriting daily, we really want to encourage the children to take pride in the presentation of their work.

Towards the end of Term 2, we will start to teach the children to form their letters using a pre-cursive style which will prepare them for using a joined style in later years. Your support with this would be really appreciated. If your child is writing at home then please encourage them to practice forming their letters correctly and eventually encourage pre-cursive letter style when we start using this new style of handwriting.





# Our Learning...

## TERM 1

**What are we learning this term?**

**English:**

Stories with familiar settings and traditional tales.

Writing sentences with the correct punctuation.

Poems about the senses.

Stories from other cultures.

**Maths:**

Number: Place Value.

Number: Addition and Subtraction.

**Art:** Thomas Gainsborough.

**Design and Technology:** Introduction and structures.

**Computing:** Technology around us in school.

**Science:** Parts of the body and senses.

**Geography:** Map work skills including, compass points, hemispheres, continents and oceans.

**History:** Chronology involving Queen Elizabeth II and Queen Victoria.

**Music:** Colonel Hathi's March and Magic Musical Aquarium.

**PSHE:** Being me in my world.







# Our Learning...

## TERM 2

**What are we learning this term?**

**English:**

Familiar Settings.

Writing linked to real life events Stories with a familiar structure.

Pattern and Rhyme.

Instructions.

**Maths:**

Number: Place Value.

Geometry: Shape.

Number: Addition and Subtraction.

**Art:** Landscapes by John Constable.

**Design and Technology:** Solid structures.

**Computing:** Digital painting.

**Science:** Use of everyday materials, grouping and changing materials.

**Geography:** Climate and weather.

**History:** Gunpowder Plot.

**Music:** Christmas performances.

**PSHE:** Celebrating differences.





The children will be taking part in several cookery or food and drink tasting activities this year. If your child is not allowed certain foods or drink, please ensure the class teacher has been made aware of this.

When picking up your child at the end of the day please can you stand on the side that their class is coming out. Koala's will be on the left side (when facing the building) and Kangaroos will be on the right side.

Thank you.

If you have any outgrown uniform or underwear in good condition, please consider sending this in for us to keep as Year 1 spares as we are running low!

Thank you.

Please keep an eye out for email messages and notifications on Google Classroom as whole class messages will be sent out via these platforms.

As always, any questions or concerns, please let us know either by writing in your child's contact book or emailing us.

Thank you,

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