



Year 1 Newsletter

Terms 1 & 2

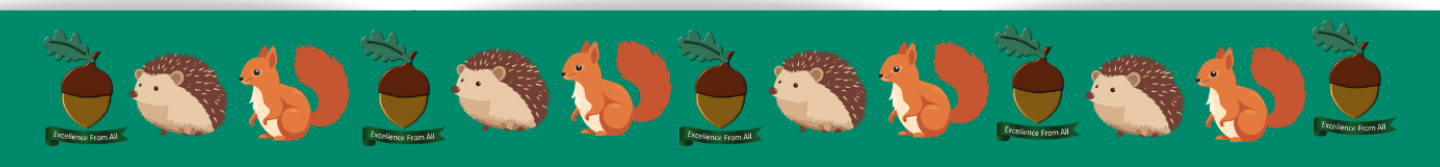


We are looking forward to a very exciting year in Year 1. We have lots of exciting activities planned which we are sure the children will enjoy. We have put a copy of your child's class timetable in their contact book. To ensure a smooth transition from Year R, the children will be following a similar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

Staff in Year One

Miss Thomas will be teaching Hedgehog Class and Miss Humphries will be teaching Squirrel Class. We will also have Mrs Andrews, Mrs Medhurst and Miss Lyons 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.
 - 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 small stud earrings (no hoops).
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Kit and equipment

P.E. Days - Monday and Thursday

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 an adult 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** please 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 and will stay with you for the whole week.**

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.

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. Log-ins for Google Classroom will be sent out in due course.

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

Things to practice at home

In the meantime, before the children start their weekly homework in Term 2, here are some things you can do at home with your child to support them...

- Encourage their independence when getting dressed - especially with their socks/tights and shoes!
- Get them to practice turning their clothes the right way when they're inside out.
- Play Phase 2 and Phase 3 phonics games on www.phonicsplay.co.uk
Username: CLIFFEWOODS **Password:** Cliffewoods123
- Practice their letter formation - you can use the Little Wandle formation rhymes to support. If you would like a copy of these, please just ask!





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.





When picking up your child at the end of the day please can you stand on the side that their class is coming out. Squirrels will be on the left side and Hedgehogs will be on the right side (as you are facing the building).

Thank you.

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.

We are always in search of new learning resources and toys for our shared area!

If you have any books, phonics or maths games, jigsaw puzzles, dolls, toys, cars, construction toys or similar in need of a new home, please get in touch, we'd be so grateful!
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As always, any questions or concerns, please let us know either by writing in your child's contact book or emailing us. We are looking forward to getting to know you all this year! 😊

Thank you,

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