



Dear Parents and Year One Children,

Welcome to Year 1! We hope you have all had the most amazing summer filled with laughter and many happy memories, we cannot wait to hear all about your adventures whilst getting to know you! This year in Year 1, you will have two teachers. Mrs Morgan will be with you on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Turton will be with you Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Morgan will be returning from maternity leave later on this year so in the meantime, Mrs Forbes will be working Monday and Tuesday. Also supporting the children this year will be Mrs Raines and Mrs Hickling. We are all so excited for the year ahead and we hope to make lots of special memories of our own!

In Year 1, we follow the National Curriculum which means your children will be taught a wide range of subjects including: Maths, English, Science, History, Geography, RE, RHE, PE, Computing, Music, Art and Design. Below is an outline of the Core subjects and the units we will be delving into this term.

English	Maths	Science	History
-The Bog Baby by Jeanne Willis -Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers	-Place Value within 10 -Addition and Subtraction within 10 -Shape	-How can we group animals? -Why does the weather change during the different seasons?	-How are toys today similar and different from toys in the past?

PE

For this half term, PE will take place on a Friday morning. Children can come to school dressed in their PE kit on this day. Please ensure your children are wearing the correct PE kit: a white top, dark bottoms, a red school hoodie/jumper/cardigan and appropriate footwear.



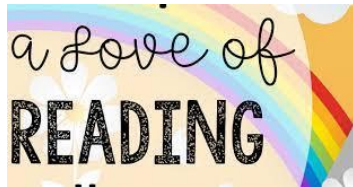
Forest School

Throughout the year, Year 1 children will take part in a number of Forest School sessions. This half term, Forest School will be every Tuesday afternoon. Children can come to school dressed in their forest school clothes on this day. Forest School clothes consist of: Wellies or trainers you don't mind getting wet/dirty, waterproof coat and comfy clothes that you don't mind getting muddy and mucky.



Reading

In Year 1 we want to encourage and develop a love of reading! The children will all have new reading books and diaries by Friday 5th September. Children will need to read at least 4 times a week at home with a comment/signature in their reading diary. Children will read with Mrs Forbes or Mrs Turton at least once a week so please ensure that your child has their reading book and reading diary in their bags each day. Providing books have been read at home, they will be changed on a Monday and a Thursday.



NumBots

NumBots is a platform for boosting number recognition and addition and subtraction skills. It is important that your children develops efficient mental calculation strategies to add and subtract two-digit numbers. In addition to using the software in school, we ask that year 1 children spend two 10 minutes sessions on NumBots at home per week.



To access NumBots, type <https://play.NumBots.com/> into your browser and follow the instructions. If you have any problems accessing the software please do let us know. Login details will be provided and stuck into reading diaries by Friday 12th September.

Snacks and Show and Tell

In Year 1 we provide the children with healthy snacks throughout the school day however, if your child wishes to bring their own snack we ask that it is a healthy snack and NUT-FREE. Show and Tell will begin from the Spring Term.

Uniform, Equipment and Bags

In Year 1, children do not need to bring in a pencil case or any equipment for learning, this will all be provided by school. Children will have access to a tray to keep their book bag in, children do not need to bring in a backpack due to limited space. Please can we ask that uniform is labelled/named particularly jumpers, cardigans and school hoodies.



Important Dates

Below are some key dates for your diary for this half term.

Friday 12 th September	Non Uniform Day to support our Autumn Fair
Tuesday 16 th September	Individual School Photographs
Friday 19 th September	Autumn Fair
Wednesday 24 th September	Autumn Hike-Children to wear forest school clothes.
Wednesday 15 th and Thursday 16 th October	Virtual Parents Evening (More information to follow)

As well as providing a smooth transition from Foundation to Year 1, it is our priority to provide a supportive and happy learning environment for your children to enable them to flourish and grow. If you do have any queries or concerns, please do catch either of us at the end of the school day or contact us through the school office.

We are looking forward to a fabulous year and we cannot wait to get started!

Best wishes,
Mrs Turton and Mrs Forbes