



Welcome to Year 1 and Year 2

We are really pleased with how the children have settled into class over the first couple of days, they have shown care for each other, listened carefully and shared lots of things they are looking forward to learning. The children have also voted for their class representatives; something which was very difficult to decide on! Well done to those who have been chosen for the school council, friendship, collective worship, wellbeing, sports and global committees.

KS1 Staff

Teachers:

Badgers: Miss Clutterbuck (Mon-Thurs) Mrs Higgins (Fri)

Hedgehogs: Mrs Wilderspin (Mon & Tues) Miss Marshall-Clarke (Wed-Fri)

Deer: Mr Swift

TAs: Mrs Brown, Miss Smith, Mrs Claypole and Mrs Rowles.



Read a Rainbow



As our current Year 1 children know, we have 'read-a-rainbow' in Year 1 & 2, where all children are encouraged to read a variety of books at home, in order to complete a rainbow of bookmarks. Your child can colour a segment each time they read at home, this includes when they share their library book. Every child will start on a red bookmark with book worm made up of 25 segments. Once the 25 segments have been coloured your child will be given a certificate and the next bookmark. This continues until your child has read a rainbow. Your child will bring this bookmark home with their reading book. Children should be reading at home daily.

Year 1 children and some Year 2 children will start the term with a phonics book, which will be changed each Thursday. It is important to know that by the time your child takes their phonic book home they should be reading it fluently, not overly sounding and blending words. This can sometimes mean it feels 'too easy' for the child, but actually the evidence suggests that it builds their confidence, prosody and develops vocabulary, so please stick with it! Where children have completed the phonic programme they will be given a book which is appropriate for the level they are reading at.

In addition to this, children are able to take home a 'sharing book' (library book) which is a book your child should enjoy with you or another family member. Sharing books can be changed any day- all our children have chosen their first one and loved visiting our school library.

Curriculum- What will the children be learning this term?



Year 1- Numbers to 10, Part-whole within 10, Addition and subtraction within 10

Year 2- Numbers to 100, Addition and subtraction



English- Fiction: The Gruffalo. A journey story focusing on characterisation

Non-fiction- Instructions

Science- Animals including humans



Computing- Logging on, online safety and exploring purple mash

Geography- What can we see around our school?



Art and Design- Drawing- marking your mark



PE- Indoor: Gymnastics- Jumping

Outdoor: Team building- team games

Badgers have PE on Mondays and Thursdays

Hedgehogs have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays

Deer have PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Earrings **MUST** be removed for safety reasons. If children come to school with them already removed this is even more helpful to your child. Tape is quite painful to remove!

Religion & Worldviews- What do Christians believe God is like?



Power and Identity- Developing an identity

PSHE- Being me in my world



Links to British Value of Mutual Respect, Civil Liberty and Tolerance

Music- Hey You! Pulse, rhythm and pitch

History- The history of the Charter Fair and the Ilkeston Giant

Club Information

This will be sent out separately to this newsletter, so please keep a look out.



NUT/SESAME ALLERGIES

We have children in school who could have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts/sesame or nut/sesame traces. Please only send your children to school with packed lunches that do not contain nuts/sesame or products containing nut/sesame traces. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads/products that contain nut traces or MAY contain nut traces, and sesame topped bread or hummus dips.

Thank you!

Important Dates

25.9.23 Bright Day – come to school wearing bright colours.
2.10.23 Harvest festival
23.10.23 & 26.10.23 Parents Evening
27.10.23 Last day of term

Communication

If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher please either email in using the department email (see details at the bottom of this newsletter), phone the admin team or speak to us at the end of the day. There will be a TA out to meet the children at drop off, so messages can also be passed on at this point. Please note the department email is not checked throughout the day every day.

Where Can I Find More Information?

Our website has an array of information, from school meal information, policies, calendar dates to curriculum areas. Please take some time to familiarise yourself with it.

Homework

Children will have 2 types of homework; one week it will be paper based, and the following week it will be set online. Sheets will be sent home, please stick these into your child's homework book once it has been completed. Your child has 2 weeks to complete each piece of homework. This will be sent home each Friday. Please return as soon as your child has completed it.

Supporting Maths



This is a highly engaging platform for learning to add and subtract. It supports children's understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction so that they move from counting to calculating. Each week KS1 have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners- Children are rewarded for gaining the most coins, making the most progress, being the fastest at answering the questions to name a few of the reasons. Passwords will be sent home for Year 1 children within the next week.