

# Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter



## Welcome to Year 1!

We are extremely proud of both classes who have made a fantastic start to the new academic year. It has been wonderful getting to know each and every one of them. Every child has demonstrated excellent effort, excitement and enthusiasm at starting their learning journey. While we settle back into school life through our lessons, work and routines, we want you to know that we will do our very best to ensure your child is supported through every step along the way.

## Curriculum Overview

Attached to this curriculum letter, you will find a curriculum overview of the learning themes and topics we will be covering this half term. We hope that you find this informative and detailed. In class, we are transitioning into formal learning so the children can develop their knowledge and skills further.



On the class pages, there is also a list of useful websites which link specifically to the concepts that we will be exploring. Please do access these at home, if you have internet access. They are very useful and will give you a greater idea of what your child is doing at school and how you can support and enhance their learning at home.

## Online Safety

A reminder that children should be supervised when using the internet. There are filters available and child-friendly search engines such as 'Google Kids'. Children are not permitted to use social media such as Facebook, Instagram or TikTok until they are aged 13+.

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/understanding-age-ratings>



## School Timings



Just a quick reminder that our classroom doors will open at **8:35am** and school finishes at **3:15pm**. If you arrive **after 8:50am**, please take your child to the school office first - thank you.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Children need to be in school **every day** and **on time**. Face-to-face education is important in helping pupils to fulfil their potential. During school time, pupils should be in class with their teachers and peers and enjoying all the benefits that this brings.

## Physical Education and Games

PE will be on a **Monday** and **Thursday** this term. P.E kits should be brought in on a **Monday** and will be sent home on **Friday** to be washed.

As the weather is becoming colder, tracksuits bottoms and your child's school jumper are suitable for outdoor games. Appropriate footwear is essential. Please make sure children do not wear jewellery to school on these days and that they have a hair band/bobble to tie their hair back, for health and safety purposes.

## Phonics

A key focus in Year 1 is ensuring all children are able to recognise, say and blend sounds. We teach this through the Read Write Inc programme. It is recommended you practise sounds with your child at home as well as reading their phonics books with them a minimum of **3x a week**. All home reading should be recorded in your child's reading record.



## Diary Dates

These may change or be added to throughout the course of the term.

Event	Date
Parents Information Meeting	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 3.30pm
Year 1 trip to Milestones	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
Parents Evening	12 <sup>th</sup> November and 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Year One Christmas Carol Concert	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 2pm
Year One Christmas Carol Concert	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 5pm
End of term	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024

As always, your continued support is very much appreciated. If you do wish to discuss anything with us, please do contact the school office or arrange a meeting after school.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Strawn  
Owl Class Teacher



Miss K Williams  
Squirrel Class Teacher



## Key Stage 1 Assemblies

Monday (Fortnightly)	Head teacher/Deputy Head teacher's Assembly
Tuesday	Faith Assembly
Wednesday	Singing Assembly
Thursday	Class Assembly
Friday	Celebration Assembly

## Curriculum Overview

Subject		Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
Spoken and Written Word	Reading	RWINC Programme	RWINC Programme
	Writing	Toy Story, Lost in the Toy Museum, Traction Man Outcome: Retelling a story, labelling, simple sentences.	Little Glow, It was a Cold, Dark Night, Cake Outcome: Facts, Description, Instructions and Invitations.
STEM	Maths	Re-cap Year R Learning objectives and place value, Measurement, Addition and Subtraction.	Multiplication, Division, Fractions with Geometry, Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction.
	Science	Materials	Seasons
	Computing	Bee Bots	Bee Bots
	Design Technology	Junk Model Robots	N/A
Physical Well-being	PE	Run, Jump, Throw	Gymnastics
Creative & Performance Arts	Art	Pointillism	N/A
	Music	Toys	Can I be helpful too? Christmas songs
Emotional Wellbeing	RE	Harvest	The Nativity Journey
	PSHE	Healthy Relationships	We Are All Different
Humanities	History	Toys Through Time	N/A
	Geography	N/A	What is Our Local Area Like?