



Year 1 News

Our Core Value as we come back to school is 'Wisdom'. This is one of our eleven school Core Values and it teaches us that learning new things is exciting! As we continue through the first half-term our topic will become focussed on ourselves and timelines. We will be talking about ourselves, events and the order in which they happen! Keep checking your child's ClassDojo story for key information, dates for your diary and reminders.

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What to Expect in Year 1

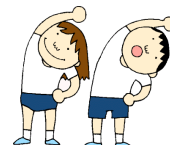
At the beginning of Year 1 we will be focussing on targets from Reception and using our **new, amazing** outside area as much as possible. We will work in small groups with the children to support them.

Attendance: It is extremely important that your child arrives at school promptly and on time (**8:45am**) as we need to get inside and start our learning as quickly as possible. All classes will be running a competition for the best attendance!

PE

We have PE twice a week. Please make sure your child brings in their P.E. kit on a Monday and then they can leave it on their coat peg for the whole week. All children will need a school P.E. t-shirt, shorts and plimsolls.

1M - Tuesday and Thursday
1BB - Monday and Thursday
1B - Tuesday and Friday



ClassDojo

If you are not linked up to ClassDojo please provide your email address ASAP. If you are connected please check it regularly because this will be how we communicate with you regularly. We are available for any queries via ClassDojo and you can expect a reply between Monday to Friday 8:30am-4:30pm.



Reading

Please read with your child as often as you can - please aim **for 15 minutes at least 3 times a week and record this in their Reading Records they can earn Reading Race stars for doing so!** You can make your child's reading experience more interesting and rewarding by using any of these ideas for shared reading:



- Take it in turns to read a page of their book - your turn my turn.
- Echo reading - you read then they repeat back to you.
- 'Fastest Finger' to find a key word chosen by you or your child.

Please keep reading with your child at home for 15 minutes at least 3 times a week. The extra practise will make a real difference.



Library Books

Library happens once a week and children will choose a book to take home. Please ensure that these are kept safe as loss or damages will need to be paid for to replace.

1M - Wednesday
1BB - Thursday
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Information and Dates

The school day begins at **8:45am** and finishes at **3:30pm**. Please drop off and collect your child from the **gate outside the Year 1 classrooms**. Let us know as soon as possible which adults are allowed to collect your child and bare with us while we get to know you! Thank you in advance for your patience.

School Photos: Friday 5th November



Maths

This half term the children will be looking at numbers to 10, focussing on number formation, counting forwards and backwards and finding one more and one less than a number. We will be learning our number bonds within 10 and writing addition and subtraction sentences for numbers smaller than 10. We will be looking at the symbols for addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) and making lots of number sentences through fun activities, using lots of practical resources.

At home, please count forwards and backwards with your child and practise finding one more or one less than a number.



English

In English, we will be focussing on key writing skills. Particularly, spelling, punctuation and grammar. We will be working hard to make sure we have capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in our sentence writing. We will also be reading stories and looking at poetry.

Computing

We will be learning to use an iPad and how to take pictures and videos. We call it creating digital content!



Journey Through Time



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Art



This half term we will be creating self-portraits and making clay sculptures in the style of Miro the famous artist. Miro likes to use bold colours and create sculptures that are unique and abstract. We will also be experimenting with colour mixing, shading and texture.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about the human body. We will learn about the senses and also what the different parts of our body do.



Music

The children will explore how to control sounds. They will use their voices to learn how to sing and use rhythm.



RE

We will be thinking about the different ways people do and do not look after the world around us and talk about what some Christians believe. We will also listen to and retell the Christian Creation Story.

History

We will be talking about timelines and ordering events in the correct sequences.

PSHE

The children will have 'Gr8 As U R' and circle time sessions to promote positive behaviours, relationships and friendships with their peers. We will be supporting this with stories and activities. In addition to this, the children will also be involved in voting for their class councillors.



Geography

We will be investigating the outdoor environment and observing the changes across the four seasons. The children will be describing and identifying a range of weather patterns. The children will also learn and explore the seven continents.



PE

The children will take part in multi-skills activities to improve their agility, balance, coordination and speed.

