



Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to Year 1.

At the beginning of the new school year, we would like to welcome your child to Year 1 and hope that they will have a very happy and successful year.

A strong partnership between home and school is very important for your child to succeed and we highly value the role you play in supporting your child's learning.

Who's on the Team?

Mrs Hanson – 1A- class teacher Miss Darley – teaching assistant
Miss Vickery - 1B - class teacher Mrs Roberts – teaching assistant
Mrs Davies & Miss Carthy – teaching assistant
Mrs Brown – teacher to cover release

In Year 1 we have daily phonics and handwriting lessons as this is key to developing the children's reading and writing. All children have access to the continuous provision areas of the classroom as well as taking part in focused activities in groups. Over the course of Year 1 we will gradually transition to more formal learning in preparation for Year 2.

Kind regards,

Year 1 Team

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

- Santa's workshop day – A day to get creative with festive crafts and festive games. An opportunity to dress in Christmas attire such as Christmas jumpers, elf costumes, Santa hats (something you already have).
- A trip to the theatre
- House building, like The Three Little Pigs

VOCABULARY TO LEARN AT HOME

Knowledge of these words are essential for learning this term. Please share and discuss together at home:

continents, mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, seasons, collage

READING

To help your child progress in English, daily reading continues to be a high priority. Children will be given their own reading book to read each evening. They should bring their reading book in school every day. Books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday. Please aim to read a few pages each evening and discuss what has been read. Remember to keep the reading experience positive. Homeschool diaries should be initialled each night by a parent and signed weekly.

SEESAW APP

In Year 1, we use the Seesaw app to support your child's learning in school. Teachers and children will upload examples of work completed in class, giving you a window into what your child is learning. Some homework tasks will also be set on Seesaw. These will be clearly outlined in the homework overview available on the class page. **There is no need to upload or send in photos of any work your child completes at home unless we specifically ask for it.**

THIS TERM WE ARE READING

- A Squash and a Squeeze – Julia Donaldson
- The Three Little Pigs
- Our Book Drop book – yet to be revealed! *(This is the book that will be sent home for discussion and homework)*

OUR CURRICULUM

It is an action-packed term of learning in Y1. For our full Y1 curriculum documentation, please visit [our website](#) (Curriculum – Sherwood Curriculum). This provides an overview of key learning across the Curriculum.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be set every Friday through our Y1 Class Page on the Website. Homework is to be handed in the following Wednesday.

Weekly homework may include:

- Daily reading
- Phonics
- Writing and handwriting tasks
- Maths activities including the CGP book
- Activities related to our current topic

Please make sure that your child completes their homework to a high standard – with a focus on clear presentation and detail. Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of our Y1 team if your child requires additional support with homework.