

Welcome to Class One!

A very warm welcome to all of our children and families! We are so excited to begin this new school year together and to get to know each and every member of Class One. For some of our children, this will be their very first term at school, while others are returning, ready to take the next exciting step in their learning journey. There will be lots of fun and exciting learning opportunities ahead. We cannot wait to see the children grow in confidence, independence and curiosity as the year progresses.

We are always here to help

Starting a new school year is always an exciting time, but we understand that parents and carers may sometimes have questions or concerns. Please feel free to speak to any member of the Class One team at the door before or after school. We are always happy to listen, answer questions and work together to ensure that your child has a happy and positive time at school.

The Class One Team

Mrs Gardiner - class teacher supported by:

Mr Duckworth - All day Monday - Friday

Mrs Brindle - Monday - Friday mornings & Monday afternoons

Miss Hart - Monday & Tuesday mornings & Friday afternoons

Mrs Moore - Monday afternoons & Wednesday mornings

Mrs Stringfellow - All day Thursday & Friday mornings

Miss Hymers - teaching on Wednesday afternoons

Useful information

Coats

Please ensure that your child has a suitable coat with them every day as we will be making the most of our amazing outdoor space in all weathers.

Wellies

Thank you to everyone who has already sent a pair of wellies into school. The children will be using these when they access the outdoor area as part of their learning. If your child does not yet have a pair of wellies in school, please could you send a pair in as soon as possible.

Book Bags and Homework

Book bags should be sent into school every day please, as we will be listening to every child read regularly.

Reading books are changed twice a week.

Homework will be sent home every Thursday to be completed and returned by the following Tuesday.

Home Reading

Reading really is the key to your child's learning. Please spend 5-10 minutes every day listening to your child read. It really does make a huge difference!

Snacks and Water Bottles

Please send your child to school with a water bottle every day. Every day, all the children are provided with a piece of fruit for their snack. However, if you wish to send in a snack from home, please feel free to do so.

Please remember that we are a [nut-free school](#).

Toast (Reception & Year 1) and milk (Reception only) can be paid for - please contact the school office for further information.

What we will be learning about

English

This term we will be reading lots of wonderful stories, starting with Cave Baby by Julia Donaldson. All the children will develop their phonic knowledge in our daily phonics sessions, which will help them with both their reading and writing.

In Year 1, the children will respond in writing to the stories that we read. They will plan and write simple sentences, thinking carefully about their letter formation and spelling choices. They will be learning how to punctuate their sentences accurately using full stops, question marks and exclamation marks.

In Reception, the children will begin by responding to stories orally but as they learn more letters and sounds, they will begin to write some simple words as labels and captions.

Maths

In Year 1, the children will be building on their understanding of number and place value. They will also be adding and subtracting within 10.

In Reception, the children will be sorting, matching and comparing groups of objects as well as exploring patterns. Before half term, they will be learning about numbers up to 3.

The Wider Curriculum

In RE, we will all be learning about why Jesus was so special. We will be finding out about materials and their properties in Science.

In Geography, we will learn more about our local area by using our fieldwork skills.

In Art, we will be learning about the artist James Rizzi and in PE we will be developing our fundamental movement skills by hopping, skipping, jumping and running, amongst other things!

It is certainly going to be a busy and exciting start to the year!