

Bullet points from Year1 "Welcome meeting"

Welcome to Year 1

Staff

Class teacher-Mrs Rebecca Olive

Teaching Assistants- Mrs Addey, Mrs Averre

On Tuesday afternoons the children will be taught "Computing" by Mrs Stone and PE by Mr Cotterill. On Monday afternoons Mr Carey will be teaching Art and Mrs Morgan will teach Art

General Information

-In dry weather children line up outside at 8.55, in wet weather they will be let into the classroom from 8.45.

If you are late, please bring your child to the office and the office staff will bring them down to the classroom.

-The children will have the opportunity to change their library books on Thursdays.

-PE is on Tuesday and one other afternoon, so please can children have PE kits every day.

-Please provide your child with a named PE bag and kit, a named drinks bottle, named wellies and a named waterproof.

-Children work in ability groups, mixed ability groups, friendship groups, pairs and randomly chosen groups, depending on the activity.

-Work is topic based to give their learning a sense of purpose and relevance to everyday life.

Lessons are more formal but with a very practical element. Children now have exercise books to record their work in.

Daily "Challenge Time" allows children to learn through play but with a clearer focus.

Reading

-Reading at home with an adult daily if possible.

Read with teacher or TA in a guided group weekly

Focussed paired reading daily in RWInc lessons

Additional reading in school with adult helpers.

The Reading challenge- (motivational not competitive)
35 home reads-"Great reading" certificate
70 home reads-"Bronze" certificate
105 home reads-"Silver" certificate
140 home reads-"Gold" certificate

Maths

Mastery approach - Pupils will be taught maths in a way that ensures a **deep understanding** of number through using **concrete objects and pictorial representations**. This approach helps children to **reason and solve problems** and **supports their understanding of abstract methods**.

Learning through practical real life experiences eg cooking, weighing, spotting numbers around us, shopping, counting on.

Make maths fun!

Homework

"Show and Tell Homework" (Optional) - Each Friday the children will bring home an activity to complete- eg research about our topic, a drawing, take photographs, play maths game . They need to return their book by the following Thursday when they will share their work with the rest of the class.

Information given to parents

Half termly topic and maths overviews outlining the term's learning, important events, plus ideas for ways to support your child. These are always on our Y1 website page.

School Website

Online newsletter

Reading record books are great for quick communication.

Notices posted on the Year 1 entrance window.

Individual parent meetings are in November and again in March.

A full written report is sent home in July.

Open Afternoons throughout the year.

Open door policy-please come and talk to us about any concerns; it's always better to deal with problems earlier rather than later.

We're looking forward to an enjoyable and happy year with your children.

King regards,

Mrs Olive and the Year1 team