



Welcome to Year 1- Autumn Term 2021

We are so excited to meet all of your children and can't wait to get to know them. Mrs Ward will be teaching Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Brooks Thursday to Friday. We have two lovely Teaching Assistants, Mrs Parkin who many of you may know from preschool and Mrs Antaki who has recently joined the school. If there is anything you would like to ask please feel free to speak to any one of us.

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Morning Drop-off

We will meet you outside every morning, the children will then go inside, hang their belongings up and get ready to start the day. Please say a quick hello but if you have anything you would like to talk to us about please email, phone or talk to us at the end of the day. We will also have a book ready for you to write in if they are going home with someone else that day.

Water bottles and Bags

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle filled with fresh water every day. They will need to bring their book bags every day and can bring a back pack if they want to.



Reading

Over the next week or so we intend to hear each child read individually and send them home with a book which is appropriate to them.

It is hugely beneficial if your child is able to read at home everyday, it needn't be longer than 10-15minutes. If it's hard to make time each day please ensure your child reads at home at least three times a week. Please write in the reading record book, this doesn't need to be a huge amount just enough to indicate page number or that the book has been finished. If you wish to share more information such as words your child has struggled with then please feel free to do so. During early stages of reading it is helpful for your child to read a book more than once, this gives the opportunity to discuss the book and for your child to retell the story in their own words. Repeating a book will help develop their comprehension and ensure they understand what they are reading. It can also help to develop confidence and recognition of tricky words. As children progress onto more challenging books then reading a book in stages rather than

all at once will enable quality reading. This will give you the chance to ask in depth questions about the book and give them the opportunity to express their opinions on the book without becoming too consumed by wanting to finish the book.

When we are up and running with reading we will collect books that need changing at drop off in the morning.



PE

The children will be doing PE on Tuesday and Friday. Both sessions are in the morning, children can come to school in their PE kit, bringing their school clothes in a bag. As winter approaches please make sure your child has appropriate warm clothing as we may go outside for PE sessions. Every third Friday afternoon the children will take part in an afternoon of competitive sport, they compete in their house teams alongside pupils from Year 2.



Outdoor learning

The children will be doing Forest School on a Wednesday in groups of 15 on alternate weeks, Mrs Simons will send you further information very soon. If it is their turn for Forest School please send them in in their Forest School clothes with school uniform in a bag. Children will need long sleeved tops all year round, layers in the winter and waterproof clothes. We intend to use the outdoor learning environment to enrich the curriculum so we would like the children to have a pair of named wellies in school at all times. Please ensure your child is able to put on and remove all the additional kit as putting on 30 pairs of wellies can take some time!



Snack time

The children are offered government issued fruit at afternoon playtime. You are more than welcome to provide your child with a piece of fruit for morning playtime.

Show and Share

We are not having a designated show and share slot but if your child wants to share something related to our topic they are welcome to bring this to school.

Name labels

In order for us to support the children's independence and minimise lost belongings please ensure all of your child's belongings are named. As you can imagine 30 white t-shirts when changing for PE can become a little muddled!

Year 1 Topics

Our topic this term is Animals.

Hopefully the start to the year goes smoothly, we are looking forward to having a little more normality this year with the children being able to mix with others at playtimes. If there's anything we haven't covered here or during the welcome meeting then please do ask.

Kind regards

Mrs Wendy Ward and Mrs Melanie Brooks