



Welcome to Year 1!



We hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and we are sure you are now ready to start the new school year, so welcome to Year 1!

We are looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year. We hope that you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 1 has to offer!

Mrs Fairley and Miss Kelleher

Transition from Reception to Year 1

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. Learning through experiences will continue to be an important part of the school day, and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners. Please don't hesitate to come and see me either before or after school if you have any questions or queries.

Reading in Year 1...

Your child will be given a book and a reading diary to bring home and read each day. Please try to read with your child regularly and comment in their diaries, as this will help to improve their English skills. The children will also have lots of opportunities to read and enjoy books throughout the week at school.



Topics this year are as follows:

Autumn Term:

We're going on a Bear Hunt
Courageous Knights and Dangerous Dragons

Spring Term:

Amazing Creatures
Jumbo Giants and Beautiful Beanstalks

Summer Term

Island Adventures
Bucket full of memories

It would be helpful if your child could bring in any books, pictures or objects related to the topic of the term. These should also be clearly named.

General Reminders...

- The children will normally be doing **PE** on Thursday afternoon and Friday afternoon. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school on these days and all items to be clearly labelled. **All earrings must be removed for PE.**
- Any **letters or reply slips**, which need to be returned, can be put in your child's book bag. The children are encouraged to check them each morning and give things in after the register.
- School dinner needs to be ordered at least 1 week in advance so that school catering can order the food needed.
- Please ensure that the children will have their **own water bottle** to keep in class which they can access throughout the day and they will change their water regularly. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.
- **Homework** is set on a Friday and should be returned to school by the following Wednesday. All homework will be related to work covered that week.