



# Welcome to Year 1!



We hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and I am 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 Cook and Mrs Fairley

## Transition from Foundation Stage 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 Foundation Stage. 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 do not hesitate to come and see us either before or after school if you have any questions or queries. Alternatively message us on Class Dojo

## Reading in Year 1...

Please try to read with your child regularly and comment in their diaries, as this will help to improve their English skills.

It has been proven that reading regularly has astonishing benefits for children: Giving a child time and full attention when reading them a story tells them they matter. It builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves their sleeping patterns.



## 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!

Any books related to these topics please label with your child's name and bring into school. The children enjoy listening to stories from home!

## General Reminders...

- Please refer to the timetable on the Year 1 class page for any reminders you might need!
- The children will normally be doing **PE** on **Thursday** afternoon and **Friday**.
- Please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school and that all items are clearly labelled. **All earrings must be removed for PE.**
- **School lunch** 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. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.
- **Homework** will be set on a **Friday** and can be found on the Year 1 class page on the website. It must be completed by the following **Wednesday**. All homework will be related to work covered that week.
- Please **label** everything as the children have their own coat peg and drawer which they will be responsible for.