



Hello and Welcome to Year One!



We are very excited that you will be joining us in Year One this year and you will be either an Owl with Mrs Burt and Mrs Chaplin or a Hedgehog with Miss Brice and Mrs Bone. Mrs Martin is also part of the Year One team and she will be taking you for Library sessions, Outdoor Learning and Forest School.

Timetabling

In Year One we work as four different coloured groups,



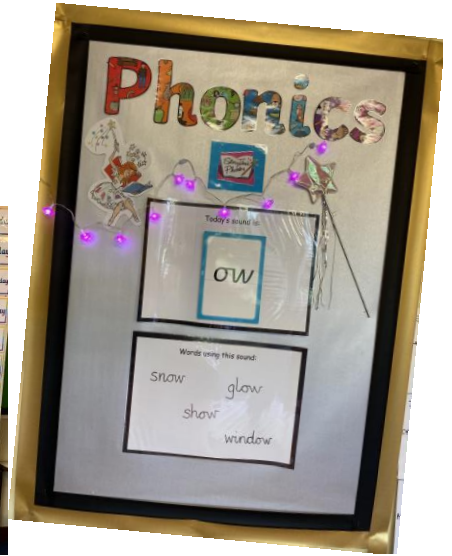
This helps us rotate the day's activities.

We have an English focus twice a week and a Maths focus twice a week and Friday remains our Fit Friday day, where you will continue to be taught by Mrs Woods (PE specialist teacher). There are daily sessions of Phonics and Mental Maths and we will try to hear you read at least twice a week, whether as part of a group in Guided Reading or as an individual.

We have 3 exciting topics that we will cover with you during the course of the year and the foundation subjects (History, Geography, Science, Art, Computing, Music, DT) will be taught through these topics where possible.

PSHE/RSE/ RE are stand alone subjects and will be taught appropriately.

Our classrooms are arranged in 'areas' like you are used to in Reception and there will still be plenty of time each day for you to investigate these areas and take on the challenges.





Snack time will continue as it did in Reception and you can have milk (ordered through the School Office), your water bottle (water only) and a fruit snack, provided by school everyday. Please do not bring in your own snack.

Unlike Reception we don't have an outdoor area so Mrs Martin usually takes us outside everyday for an outdoor learning session. We have had to make a slight change to this due to our 'bubbles' so Mrs Martin is going to work with each class on a weekly basis. When it is not your class's turn to have Outdoor Learning your teacher will plan some learning activities outside.

Mrs Martin will take both classes for Forest School each week, Owls on a Wednesday afternoon and Hedgehogs on a Thursday afternoon so please make sure you are always appropriately dressed with a pair of wellies and a suitable coat. This will become more important as the year goes on and the weather changes.



Things that you can do to be ready for Year 1;

- Recognise and write your name without help
- Know all number facts to 10.
- Be able to do up your coat/shoes
- Remember what you are having for snack/lunch each day
- Use a knife and fork to cut up your lunch

Things that a grown up can help you to do in Year 1:

- Read at home at least 4 times a week (more information regarding RED TED will come home soon)
- Practise your mental maths focus for that term frequently and in short bursts, also known as KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) to become more efficient in recalling the facts easily. (more information regarding KIRFs will come home soon)

Things that grown ups can do to help us:

- Label all uniform - particularly jumpers/cardigans/wellies
- Ensure that 'Fit Friday' clothes and trainers are able to be taken off/put on/done up without adult help (as we are no longer supposed to assist the children in this way)
- Send your child's bookbag into school with them on a Monday and Friday - no other bags are necessary
- Ensure we are aware of any hometime changes (either messaging through Tapestry or speaking to the office staff)
- Keep us informed through Tapestry. Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions we will not be meeting face to face as we have before. If there is anything you need to let us know or want to ask don't be afraid of putting it on Tapestry. We will reply to you at our earliest convenience.

We are really looking forward to starting the new year with you on **Monday 21st September**. See you then!

