



Welcome to Year 1



Year 1 Team

- Mrs Milner: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday am
- Mrs Stewart: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
- Miss Warren: Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Daynes: Music

Class Saint- Saint Bernadette of Lourdes



If one dream should fall and
break into a thousand
pieces... never be afraid to
pick up and begin again.

Feast day – 16th April.

Children will choose which charity they would like to
contribute to.

An optional donation of £1 per child.

Children are settling in well

- Big change from Reception
- Play time/ brain/movement breaks/ daily mile
- Strong focus on phonics all year
- Handwriting focus to start in English lessons

Phonics

- Phonics scheme across the school – Little Wandle.
- Phonics is taught daily.
- Catch up sessions daily as needed to ensure children are keeping up.
- National phonics screening assessments will take place at the end of Year 1.
- Little Wandle website:
<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Phonics reading books

- Reading groups focus on one phonics-based book each week in school.

- This reading book will come home with your child on Thursdays for them to read daily at home. Please send the book back in on the following **Thursday**.
- They keep the same book at home for the whole week to consolidate the sounds they have learnt.
- The phonics book your child brings home should be accessible to your child. They should know the sounds and be able to read with ease. This ensures that the child has a successful, positive reading experience at home. The challenge will come at school.
- It is essential that all reading activities are logged on BoomReader. This tracking system allows us to monitor each pupil's progress effectively and ensures we can provide appropriate support where needed.

Comprehension reading books

- Children will also bring home a comprehension book which is a book they have chosen independently in class.
- This is for you to read to your child. The purpose is to focus on the story and understanding and to develop a love of reading.
- As you read this to your child you should discuss the story, make predictions and talk about characters. You could also check understanding of vocabulary and the story.
- Book band colours are completely irrelevant.

Recording reading at home

- Please read **daily** with your child and add all reading sessions to the Boom reader app (phonics book and comprehension book and any other books you are reading with your child).
- We will send children home with their passwords in the next few days.
- To promote a love of books, each week our Gold Book winner will be asked to share their favourite story from home. If your child is in the Gold Book on Friday, please bring in the book to share the following Monday.

Spellings

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- Spellings will be included in the weekly Signposts which can be found on the Year 1 class pages on the school website.
 - All children will start with 5 spellings.
 - This will be extended to 10 when they are ready.
 - Spellings will be based on the phonics they have learned in class the previous week. Later, there may also be RE, Topic or Science words included.

Maths Homework

- We will set Maths homework on Maths Seeds each Friday which should be completed by the following Friday.
- The tasks will relate to the previous week's Maths learning.
- Log in details will be sent home soon- book marks

RE Homework

- RE Homework will be set in the first week of each half term.
- The homework task will be detailed on Signposts.
- It is due in on the last Monday of that half term.

Religious Education

- RE is taught for 2 hours a week.
- Class Prayer Book - a different child each day will be given our class prayer book to take home. Inside we would like them to write a short prayer. This will be read in class the following day. They can also decorate their prayer.
- We are planning to have a joint Nativity performance with Year 2.

PE

- PE will be on Monday and Wednesday.
- Please continue to wear PE kit to school on these days. Jogging bottoms and a jumper may be worn in the winter. No leggings please.
- No earrings.
- Year 1 will have 6 weeks of swimming lessons at John Warner in the Summer term.

Enrichment Opportunities

- **Autumn Term** – Trip linked to local history topic.
- **Summer Term** - Swimming

Curriculum

- Please see the website for an overview of the curriculum we will be teaching in Year 1.

Communication

- We will use the Year One Class pages on the school website to communicate key information.
- Here you will be able to find:
 - this PowerPoint
 - an overview of topics for the year
 - photos
 - The weekly 'Signposts' (added each Friday) including spellings and homework
- As always if you have any questions or concerns then please catch us at the end of the day or make an appointment via the school office.

Thank you for listening!

Questions?