

Welcome to Year 1



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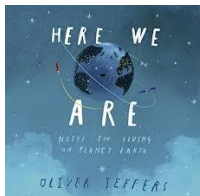
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We hope that you all had a wonderful Summer break and are ready for another fun filled school year ahead. This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to ask.

Topic

Our Topic this term is 'Myself and My Place in the World' where we will be looking at what makes us unique and wonderful, our likes and dislikes and how we are similar and different to each other. We will be reading 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers which explores the world around us. We will discuss our local environment along with natural and human-made objects.



In art we will be looking at nature and recreating some artwork based on the world around us.

Maths

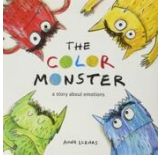
In maths we will begin with 'Place Value' through number recognition and representing numbers in different ways with varied objects. We use concrete resources to deepen our understanding and ensure we are able to use different counting strategies to find the total amount.



Why not do some baking at home, count how many seconds your child can brush their teeth for, how many jumps they can do in 30 seconds, look at door and bus numbers and other numbers in our everyday environment to further reinforce these skills?

In the coming week your child will receive their Mathletics and Reading Eggs login details. Please encourage your child to log on and practise these maths skills with your child. These are online programs that can be used at home to support the learning that we do in school.

English



We have started this term with the book 'The Colour Monster' and discussing our emotions about our return to school. We will then move on to 'Here We Are' By Oliver Jeffers. We have been discussing, and will continue to discuss our place in the world around us.

Reading

As you can appreciate, we are busy trying to assess the children to see where they are to best meet their academic needs. This week, your child should come home with a reading book and a new Reading Diary. Please sign this every time your child reads at home. In the back of the diary there is a breakdown of the reading rewards system which we follow from Reception to Year 6. Your child is rewarded for every five times they read.

We ask that your child's Reading Diary and home reader be brought to school every day. This allows us to do extra reads with your child and change their book when and where necessary. Your child's book will be changed only when they are reading it confidently and are able to answer questions about what they have read.

Children will also be sent home a high frequency word booklet in the coming weeks to practise these words. Some of these are what we refer to as trick words, that cannot be sounded out with phonics (eg. the, he, she) ... children are just expected to know these by sight.

The idea of these is to practise them one page at a time. When your child knows all of the words, they will move up to the next colour/ level. 😊

Science

This term we are beginning our study of weather and seasonal change and will begin to track weather patterns for each month. We will be creating our own wind vane and rain gauge to further our knowledge around the seasons and weather and how it is tracked.



P.E

Below are the P.E days for the different classes. Please ensure your child comes in on these days in appropriate clothing for PE (navy / black / grey joggers/shorts/leggings, white polo T-shirt or house T-shirt and trainers).

It is optional if they want to come to school in their gem house colours for PE sessions.

PE Timetable	Indoor	Outdoor
1NS	Tuesday	Thursday
1FP	Thursday	Monday
1AM	Tuesday	Monday

Gem houses have been allocated and your child should bring a slip back informing you which gem house they belong too.

NATURE GARDEN

All year one classes will have the opportunity to attend the Nature Garden on a Friday afternoon. If your child has a pair of wellies they would like to bring in, they are more than welcome to leave them on their peg. Please ensure they are in a bag labelled with their name.

REQUESTS

If you have any items that we can use for junk modelling, they would be much appreciated. We will leave a box outside the classroom for these donations.

Daily timetable:
9:00-9:10 Handwriting/ Finger Gym
9.30-10.20 English/Maths (2 groups) COOL Time (Choose Our Own Learning - 2 groups)
10.20-10.40 Phonics
10.40-11.00- Break
11:00-12:00 English/Maths (2 groups) COOL Time (Choose Our Own Learning - 2 groups)
LUNCH
1:00-1.20 Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE
1.20- 2.50- COOL Time
2.50-3.20- Reading
3.30- Home time

We also are delighted to say that we will have weekly music lessons these will take place every Monday.

We look forward to a fun filled year ahead. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Thank you all for your support in your child's learning journey. We look forward to getting to know you and your child this year.

The Year 1 Team 😊