

# Welcome to Year 1



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## Year 1 Newsletter Autumn 1 2022 - 23

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.

Key dates:

**Phonics Workshop Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 9:10 - 9:40**

**Maths Workshop Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 9:10 - 9:40**

### Topic

Our Topic this term is 'Our Grandparents' you will be receiving a knowledge organiser letter detailing what we will be doing during this topic, homework and other ideas to support your child's learning at home.

For our Grandparents topic it would be fantastic if we could have some real-life grandparents come and visit us in class and talk to the children in a q and a session. If your child's grandparent is happy and willing to visit us then please liaise with your child's class teacher to organise a suitable time.

### Maths

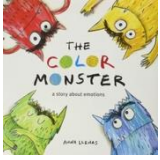
In maths we will begin with 'Place Value' through number recognition and representing numbers in different ways with varied objects. We use concrete resources to deepen our understanding and ensure we are able to use different counting strategies to find the total amount.



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 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 and how the world has changed and continues to evolve.

## Reading

Your child should have come home with a reading book and a new reading diary already. Please sign this every time your child reads at home (only once per day please). Your child is given a sticker for every five home reads and certificates are given out for every 50 reads.

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 Science study with 'weather and seasonal change' and will then move into 'animals including humans' for the rest of the autumn term. You will receive a separate knowledge organiser letter regarding science in the next few weeks.

## 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 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, their usual white polo t-shirt is fine.

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

Gem houses have now 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.

Parent Helpers: If you are able to volunteer for a couple of hours in the afternoon then please speak to your child's class teacher to make arrangements for this.

### 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

1:00 - 3:00 - Reading groups will run alongside afternoon activities

**3:00 - 3:25** Tidy up time and story time

**3.25** - 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 😊