

# Welcome to Year 1



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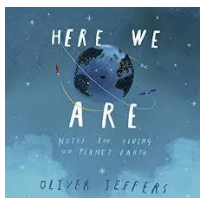
1EB- Emily Bull and Azra Garner  
1AM- Amanda Matheson and Kathy Burston  
1NS- Ned Symes and Amanda White

## Year 1 Newsletter Autumn 1 2021-22

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 have been looking at nature and recreating some artwork based around the world around us.

### Maths

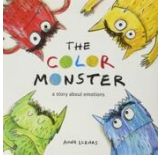
In maths we have begun with 'Place Value' through number recognition and representing numbers in different ways with varied objects. We use concrete resources to deepen our understanding and ensure we are able to use different counting strategies to find the total amount.



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 logon 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 will continue to discuss our place in the world around us.

### Reading

Last week, your child should have come home with a reading book and a new red 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 brings in a **named** PE kit in by the end of the week to leave at school. This includes comfortable and suitable clothing and footwear. These bags will be sent home at the end of half term to be washed and returned for Autumn 2. You may wish to find out your child's house before buying the appropriate colour school P.E. T-shirt. In the meantime please send a plain T-shirt for P.E.

PE Timetable	Indoor	Outdoor
1NS	Tuesday	Monday
1AM	Tuesday	Monday
1EB	Monday	Wednesday

Gem houses will also be allocated in the next week.

### NATURE GARDEN

All year one classes will 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
9:10-9.30 Phonics
9.30-10.00 English
10.00-10.40 COOL Time (Choose Our Own Learning)
10.40-11.00- Break
11:00-11:30 Maths
11.30-12.00- COOL Time
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 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 😊