



Hello! We hope you have had a lovely summer and that your child is refreshed and ready to begin their first half-term in Year 1. We are so pleased to be working with you and your child as they begin this next step in their learning journey. My name is Miss Whitaker and I am looking forward to being the Year 1 teacher for the next school year! We are very lucky to have the fantastic Mrs Booth supporting us daily, as well as Mr. Birrane teaching Science and RE.



Year 1 learning

English: This half term we will be focusing on writing simple sentences, using full stops, finger spaces and capital letters. We will explore themes of empathy, friendship and fears through our focus texts, 'How To Be A Lion' and 'Orion and the Dark'.

Maths: We will begin with place value within 10. The children will be sorting, counting and representing objects as well as counting forwards and backwards. We will then move on to addition and subtraction within 10.

Geography: Our topic for this half term is 'What is it like in our school grounds?'. We will be exploring our immediate surroundings within the school grounds and looking at different types of maps. We will identify key features in our playground and then create our own map of the school!



Phonics: At the end of year 1, your child will take part in a mandatory 'Phonics Screening Check'. Please do not worry about this, it just allows our school to confirm whether your child is making the expected progress in the national curriculum. Phonics works best when children are given plenty of encouragement and learn to enjoy reading. Parents play a **very important** part in helping with this. So, please **read, read and read some more** with your child this year in order to best support them.

For more information about our Year 1 curriculum, including Science, RE, PSHE, Art, DT, Music, PE and Computing, please visit our school website.

Routines

PE days are **Monday** and **Tuesday**. Please make sure that children have their PE kit in school ready for next week's lessons. From next week, each child will receive two books per week. One will be a phonics scheme book, which your child should be able to attempt most independently. Please ensure that these phonics reading books are brought to school **everyday**. Your child will also pick a library book every Friday which is to enjoy being read with an adult. Please ensure **all** school uniform is **named** to avoid lost property. Children should also bring a named water bottle and coat each day.

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Please join us on **Thursday 11th September** for our '**Meet the Teacher**' afterschool event. This will be an opportunity to come into the classroom, meet you and discuss how to best support your child this year.

We hope your child enjoys Year 1! Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us as we want every child to have a happy and successful year.

Best Wishes,

Miss Whitaker, Mrs Booth & Mr Birrane

