

Y1 Newsletter

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Don't be Late – Be on Time – School starts at ¼ to 9.

Welcome to Y1 2016-2017

We have 2 classes in Year 1, Class 3 and Class 4. The Class 3 teacher is Mrs Taylor and Miss Smith is the class teacher for Class 4.

Our teaching assistants are Mrs Allen (Class 3) and Mrs Leader (Class 4).

Some pupils will work with Mr Cowgill during English and Mathematics lessons. Mr Cowgill is the Y1 Team Leader

On Tuesday afternoons pupils will work with Father Glyn on 'Stories for Thinking' and with Mrs Williams for PE.

PE will also take place on a Wednesday morning (Class 4) and a Friday morning (Class 3) with Mr Cutter.

The doors are opened each morning at 8:45am and parents and carers are welcome to bring their children into class, help them change their reading book, complete their reading record, and join in with some of the daily activities on offer.

The register is taken at 8:55 am and any children arriving after this time should report to the school office.

Parents and carers are welcome to collect Y1 pupils from the classroom at 3pm each afternoon. Please wait at the door opposite Class 3 for the door to be opened at 3pm.

Learning in Y1

English

Our first English work this term will be based around reading and writing labels, captions and lists. We will then go on to share stories with familiar settings and pupils will be writing their own stories with a range of familiar settings based on the stories that they have shared.

After half term we will focus on reading and writing poetry and all pupils will contribute to a class book of poems. Towards the end of the term we will share stories from a range of cultures and pupils will write their own stories based on the stories which they have shared.

Phonics

We will continue daily phonics teaching using the Read Write Inc Programme.

In Y1 we expect pupils to apply their phonics knowledge and skills throughout the curriculum.

Spelling

Spelling lists will be sent home each week as part of homework.

Mathematics

In maths pupils will be practicing their counting skills, ordering skills and calculation skills - focussing on addition and subtraction. They will start with working with number to 10 and then start to work with larger numbers

Learning Contexts

Autumn Learning Contexts in Y1:-

Autumn 1 -Memory Box

Autumn 2 -Rio de Vida

Throughout each Learning Context there are a wide variety of learning opportunities, interesting things to find out, make and do. We aim to base our learning within each context around a number of questions (Learning Challenges) which we try to find the answers to. We also encourage pupils to think of their own questions and work with others to find the answers.

How can I help at home?

We ask that parents and carers support their child's learning in a number of ways:-

Talk to your child each day about what they have been doing at school, what they have learned and what they are looking forward to the next day.

Support your child with their homework tasks. Homework is usually sent home on a Friday and we ask that it is returned by the following Tuesday.

Homework tasks are planned for you and your child to complete together. If you have any questions about the homework tasks set please ask your child's class teacher or TA.

Listen to your child reading. Pupils should change their book each day if possible.



Home - School Partnership

We value a strong partnership between home and school and believe that when this partnership is strong pupils make the most of what school can offer.

Class teachers are available informally at the start and end of each day if you have any concerns or quick questions. Alternatively you may make an appointment to meet together at a mutually convenient time.

You will soon receive an appointment time for you and your child to come in to school to a **triangulation meeting**. The purpose of this meeting is to meet the class teacher and discuss progress and targets for the year. These meetings are timed to take place in weeks beginning 19th and 26th September 2016. We will be sending some important forms to be signed in the next few days. These give permission for your child to join in school trips and to have their photograph taken. Please return the signed forms straight away.

KS1 Reading Challenge

Our successful reading challenge will continue this year. The reading challenge rewards pupils who change their reading book on a regular basis.

Bronze Award - 25 books
Silver Award - 50 books
Gold Award - 100 books

At each level pupils are presented with a certificate in assembly and receive a prize.

All pupils have been provided with a book bag in Reception and will continue to use this throughout Y1.

PE Kits



Pupils will need their PE kit in school for PE with Mrs Williams on a Tuesday afternoon. In addition Class 3 have PE on a Friday morning with Mr Cutter and Class 4 have PE on a Wednesday morning also with Mr Cutter.

Most pupils bring their kit to school in a bag and keep it in the box in the classroom so it is always available.

How can I help at home?

Please ensure that all PE kit is named as it easily gets muddled up when pupils get changed. Encourage your child to be able to dress and undress themselves for PE. Plimsolls or trainers with Velcro are ideal for outdoor PE. Pupils will take indoor PE barefoot. No Jewellery is to be worn for PE. Please remove ear rings on PE days.

Forest School

Once again all the pupils in Y1 will be able to take part in Forest School for a block of 6 weeks. This will take place in the Summer Term (After Easter). They will spend each Forest School session in a woodland environment on the outskirts of Yarn participating in an exciting range of Forest School learning opportunities. More information will be available nearer the time - see the display outside Class 4 for an idea of what Forest School entails! We will also be asking some parents/carers to accompany the visits each week.



→ Please ensure that all items of clothing are named as uniforms, especially jumpers can easily get mixed up. Each classroom has a jumper box and pupils are reminded to place their jumpers in the box if they remove them.

→ All packed lunch boxes should be named and placed on the trolley in the cloakroom at the start of the day. Y1 pupils are responsible for collecting their own lunch box at the start of lunchtime and replacing it on the trolley after they have eaten.

→ It is very important that we can get in touch with you in case of an emergency. Please ensure that we have your up to date contact details.

→ We use text messages to remind you of things and to share good news stories about your child and their learning. Please make sure that the school office has your up to date mobile number.