

# Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn 1

Welcome to Year 1. We are really excited to get to know all the children over the coming weeks and are looking forward to a great time in Year 1.

Our Year 1 teachers are, Miss Thompson and Mrs Hewitt. Mrs Goddard and Miss Gordan will be supporting across both classes throughout the day.

**PE days** - Outdoor PE: Monday

Indoor PE: Thursday

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September - Training Days

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - Home School Commitment Meetings

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October - last day of term

Follow us on ClassDojo for updates of things happening in class and sharing some of our wonderful work.

Please make sure that you regularly check Class Dojo, it is an easy way for us to send reminders home and for you to let us know any important information, such as your child being collected by someone different at the end of the day. However, if arrangements change after 12:30pm please can you call the office as we will not be able to check messages during afternoon teaching.

Thank you!

## THANK YOU

Thank you for helping us at the end of the day by lining up against our classroom windows. This is really helping us get organised for home time and is keeping the path clear through into EYFS. Please bear with us while we get to know parent's and carers, this may take a little longer at the beginning of the year but it is important that we ensure all children go home safely.

**Writing:** Please continue to support your child in practising writing their first and last name, starting with capital letters.

**Spelling:** On a Friday, we will send the weeks spellings to practice on a look, cover, write sheet. These will be high frequency and common exception words (words we can't use phonics to spell). Children will also share their homework from the previous week on a Friday too.

**Reading:** Please read at least 3 times a week with your child at home and sign their reading record book.

**Maths:** For this half term, practice counting forwards and backwards to 100 in ones.

A reminder of how this scheme works: children will read a book several times in their group before they bring it home and therefore should read this fluently. They will also bring home a second book with the same sounds, this will be new to them and therefore may not read it as fluently as the first. Please read with children at home as much as you can to support them in developing their fluency and sign their reading record.

Please make sure all children have their book bag with them every day to take to their groups and that books are kept in their named plastic wallet.

Children will also bring a Year 1 library book home to read for pleasure with an adult, children will change and choose a new book on a Friday.



Here are some other activities for home.

Hit the button - A great game for practising maths facts

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Phonics Bloom - There are some great games to play on here to practice sound recognition and word reading. Please note this site does not align precisely with Read Write Inc. but is still a great way to practice reading.

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>