



Welcome to Year 1! Your children have settled in really well so far. We can't wait for the year ahead. Here is some information you may find useful.

Our topic for this term is a History topic. Our big question is "**How are toys of today different to toys of the past?**" We started our topic this week with a Teddy Bear's Picnic. Throughout the topic the children will talk about their favourite toys now compared to when they were babies. We will also be asking the children to talk to their families to find out what their parents and grandparents toys were like. Thank you so much for your support with this. In science, our big question is "**How does weather change from day to day?**" We will be learning about different types of weather and ways we can measure and record the changes we see.



PE PE this term will be on Thursday afternoons and will be taught by Mr Tinsley. Please send children into school in their PE kit, trainers, blue or black jogging bottoms or shorts and T-shirt. Children can wear their school jumper or a plain blue or black jumper. Long hair should be tied up and earrings taken out.

Forest Time

Our Forest time sessions will be on Wednesday afternoons. **On Wednesdays, your child should come to school wearing their forest time kit.** Forest school kit consists of a school PE t-shirt with a school, navy or black jumper and joggers, and a light waterproof coat and wellies in case of rain. In warmer weather, this could be adapted to a lightweight long sleeve t-shirt and lightweight trousers or leggings. We always ask children to have their arms and legs covered at forest to keep them safe as they explore.



Spellings in Year 1

New spellings will go now out on a Thursday and will be tested the following Wednesday. They will be a mixture of tricky words (words that we can't sound out yet) and words that can be spelt using the graphemes the children have learnt during their phonics lessons that week. Please encourage the children to practise these as often as possible at home throughout the week using the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method.



Important Dates

- 27.09.23 Meet the teacher sessions
- 06.11.23 Beech Class starts Balance-ability
- 13.12.23 Year 1 Christmas Performance



Reading in Year 1

E-books

Each week, your child will be issued an e-book on Collins e-books. The children will have all practiced these books in class already during our reading practice sessions. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

Free choice books

The children will also have the chance to choose a class library book for you to share and enjoy together, with no expectation for them to read this independently. You can read it to or with them. Most importantly, have fun!

Extra practice

If you would like some more books to practise reading with your child, you can collect extra books that match their level from outside the school office. They will have sticker on their reading diaries which match the boxes of books.

Balance-ability In Year 1, all of the children will have the opportunity to take part in balance-ability programme to give them all the chance to learn how to ride a bike. Birch Class have already started. Beech class will start after half term. Please can children come to school in jogger bottoms or leggings, trainers, school top and jumper.



General Information

- Please can all children have a named bookbag which they bring every day. If you can avoid it, **please don't have rucksacks** as they don't fit in our storage spaces.
- Please put clear name labels on all jumpers, ties and coats.
- In Year 1, all children qualify for free school meals. Meals must be ordered using the sco-pay school online ordering system.
- A mid-morning drink of milk is also available to order and buy through sco-pay.
- All Key Stage 1 children will be provided with a healthy snack each day of either fresh fruit or vegetables. **Children won't need to bring any other snacks.**
- All children must bring a named water bottle to school each day. This should go home each day to be washed and refilled. Children will be able to refill their bottles throughout the day.

Thank you for your support so far. We look forward to getting to know you all this year.

The year one team