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Year 1 Welcome Newsletter

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a lovely summer. The children have settled into their new classroom already and I have loved hearing about their summer holiday. They have been working very hard to show how grown up they are, trying their very best to follow our new routines. I am looking forward to working with you all to help your children have a fantastic year of learning and exploring in Year 1.

- Miss Quellin



Miss Quellin



Mrs Wilkinson

Staff

Miss Quellin is the class teacher in Year 1. We also have Mrs Wilkinson working with us, who the children know well from their time in Reception. If you have any messages for the class teacher and you are unable to pass on a message at the gate in the morning, please contact the school office or send a message through Class Dojo. Messages sent to Class Dojo will be responded to between the hours of 8.30am and 5.30pm, when it is convenient to do so.



Homework

Homework is a valuable way of enhancing your child's learning and we greatly value your support.

Our main homework in Year 1 is to read as often as possible., this will support your child to develop fluency, understanding and confidence.

The children will receive weekly spellings. These will consist of words containing the sounds we have learnt in our Phonics sessions that week and our High Frequency Words. Our spelling test will be on a Friday and your child will receive a Spelling Book that they will use to record their spellings.

A good knowledge of number bonds and confidence with numbers is a key skill every child needs in Year 1 and your child will be given number bond activities to practise to support their knowledge and understanding.

Reading

Your child will bring 2 home reading books linked to the phonics that they are learning and these will be changed when your child is able to read them fluently and with good understanding. In addition to their reading books, your child will also bring home a 'love of reading' book from our school library that you can read to your child and share together. We love reading in Year 1 and sharing stories together is a wonderful way to support your child's learning. Please make sure you sign and, if necessary, comment in your child's reading record each time you read – even if it's a book from home, local library or magazine! Book Bags should come in to school every day with your child's reading diary and books.



Equipment/Resources needed

As well as book bags, please remember to send in your child's water bottle each day. We offer children the opportunity to refill bottles when they are empty and they are able to drink throughout the day.

Our **PE days** are **Tuesday and Wednesday**. Children need to come to school wearing their PE kit on those days. Our PE Kit is a green shirt with our school badge, plain black joggers/leggings/shorts and trainers with a plain black hoodie.

Please make sure that **all** clothing – cardigans, jumpers, hoodies, coats, hats etc – are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Lunches

Our lunch time will be from 12.00pm – 1.00pm. Year 1 children receive universal free school meals. Please order these on the **myevolvehub.com** and if you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Children are offered a piece of fruit at morning break. They may also bring a healthy snack from home to eat at break time if they wish.

Payments

We are now using a cashless system and so please use 'ParentPay' for all payments to the school. Please contact the school office with any questions you may have about ParentPay.

Attendance

It is very important to your child's education they attend school and arrive on time. If there are any problems, Mrs. Crowder will be happy to help.

No holidays to be taken in term time.

Important Dates for Year 1

Wednesday September 13th Meet the Teacher Evening 6:00pm

Wednesday October 18th Parents evening from 1.10pm