



Welcome to Year 1

September 2024

Start of day: 8:50am End of day: 3:15pm

Key Stage One Phase Leader

Miss Hill

Classes in Key Stage One

Y1: Mrs S Hall and Mrs Harland

Y2: Miss Hill

Staff working with your children this year:

Mrs Hall

Mrs Harland

Mrs Dolan

Dear parent/carer,

A big welcome back from all of us in Year 1. All the staff in Year 1 are so excited to work with you and your child over the next year. Please remember that all members of staff are happy to speak with you at any time over the year regarding the learning and well-being of your child. Do not hesitate to contact us via our online platform (E-Schools) or by contacting the school office (01740 630270). Alternatively, we are happy to discuss any issues with you during morning or evening handovers provided we have additional supervision for our class.

Please find below some important information for this year.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Main Y1 Topics:

Autumn:

Weather
Animal Body Parts
Martin Luther King

Spring:

Our country
Identifying materials
The history of schools

Summer:

Plants
The history of toys
Comparing materials

Educational Visits:

Pantomime visit to
Billingham Forum
Theatre

Synagogue Visit

Farm visit

Traditional toys
workshop.

PE:

The designated days for Y1 PE are Monday and Wednesday. PE kits are required to be brought into school each half-term so that we can have flexibility with the weather for outdoor PE.

Throughout the year, children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of sporting events at Stockton Venues.

Below is a guide to homework. Please note we may issue other homework as appropriate. We use E-Schools to set and mark homework.

Day	What I need for school today
Monday	Reading record. Water bottle.
Tuesday	Reading record. Water bottle.
Wednesday	Reading record. Water bottle.
Thursday	Reading record. Water bottle.
Friday	Reading record. Water bottle. Home spelling book. This will be returned on Monday with the spellings for the week ahead.

Homework Expectations:

Reading

Daily reading whenever possible. Please prioritise the SFA book on eschools, before the reading for pleasure book that will be changed once a week. This book will only be changed if the SFA book has been read. Please write a comment in your child's reading record.

Spellings

The children will be given spellings based on the sound they are learning that week on a Monday, in preparation for a quiz on a Friday. The children will need to write the words in the spelling quiz.

Maths

A weekly task on eschools on Friday to be completed by the following Friday, based on the learning of that week. The homework tasks will be on the main eschools page using your child's log in. Please send photos of completed tasks in a message on eschools to Mrs S Hall and Mrs Harland.

Topic

Please choose one activity to complete per week from the topic homework activities on the main eschools page using your child's log in. Please send photos of completed tasks in a message on eschools to Mrs S Hall and Mrs Harland.

The children will be rewarded for the above with Cassidi coins to spend in our Cassidi shop.

Here are some key knowledge / skills your child needs to know throughout their time in Year 1. Please work on these skills regularly:

- Counting to 100 from any point, forwards and backwards.
- Recognition of 2D and 3D shapes.
- Telling the time to o'clock and half past.
- Number bonds to 20.
- Writing in sentences with a capital letter and a full stop.
- Recognition of phonic sounds and applying them to their own writing.
- Demonstrating an understanding of fiction and non-fiction texts through answering questions.

Developing good comprehension and reading fluency is essential. Attached is a list of the top fifty recommended books for your child's year group.
You may enjoy reading them together.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/year-1/>

Transition to Year 1

Due to teaching Year 1 for many years, we recognise that this transition can be a very difficult time for the children, due to the curriculum being much more structured than in Reception. Please try not to worry if your child suddenly appears to dislike coming to school. We find that it sometimes takes the children a few weeks to get used to their new routine. We will be doing some transitional activities on an afternoon to help with this.

Phonics Screening Check. In Year 1, we will be working towards the Phonics Screening Check in the summer term. More information on this will follow.