








Welcome to Year 1

Dear Parent/Carer

We have put together lots of information about Year 1. It includes an overview of the learning that will take place this term, some key things to remember and some ideas for things to do at home to support learning in school.

Year 1 Staff		
<p>Miss Ali (Elm Class teacher)</p> 	<p>Mrs Morgan (Holly Class teacher)</p> 	
<p>Miss Cheetham (Support staff)</p> 	<p>Mrs Ellis (Support staff)</p> 	<p>Mrs Thomas (Support staff)</p> 

Things to remember
<p>As the weather gets colder, please remember to send your child in with appropriate clothing and footwear. We also ask that all coats and jumpers/cardigans have your child's name written in them.</p> <p>Please make sure that reading books are brought back into school daily so they can be changed regularly.</p> <p>We have library and PE every Thursday. PE kits are provided but children are welcome to wear trainers for school on their PE day.</p>

Homework tasks and fun activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go for a walk around your local area. Record what you can see, hear and smell on your walk. See if you can draw a map of your route. Find a picture of you as a baby and think about how you have changed. Sing 'head, shoulders, knees and toes' Draw a picture of you and your friends Go outside and collect items to make an autumn treasure basket. Fill it with pine cones, sticks and leaves.

Learning in School	
English	<p>We will be looking at a number of different fiction and non-fiction texts this term and we will be using them to create different types of writing. We will be looking at the story 'The Shopping Basket' and writing our own shopping lists and a character description.</p> <p>After half term we will be focusing on letter writing based on the story 'Cinderella' and then creating our own version of the story. Finally, we will be learning about poems, writing and performing one based on our senses.</p>

Phonics	Phonics will continue to be taught daily in Year 1 with the children following the Read, Write inc scheme. The children will be learning a different sound each day and there will be lots of opportunities for the children to apply their learning when writing in the classroom, both in provision and when doing group work. The children will also be learning the Year 1 'tricky words' which we will be practising reading regularly throughout the school day.
Maths	The focus for this term will be consolidating the children's knowledge of place value and addition and subtraction within 20. The children will be using a range of practical resources to solve problems, compare quantities and numbers and develop reasoning skills to explain their answers. We will also be learning how to write and form numbers correctly to record our learning.
Science	To begin with we will be learning about the human body; labelling the different parts and learning about each of our senses. We will be doing lots of practical activities to learn about which part of the body is associated with each sense. The children will then be learning about everyday materials and their properties; exploring if all materials are suitable for the same purpose and testing their ideas through a range of investigations and experiments.
PSHE	In PSHE we are starting the Story Project where this half term we will be focusing on friendship and reading the story 'The Friendship Bench'. After half term we will be reading the story 'The Big Family' and celebrating our own family. We will think about who is in our family and why they are special.
Art	The children will be focusing on painting skills. They will be taught how to represent ideas and how changing colour can change moods and feelings. They will learn how to mix colours and apply paint inspired by the artists Clarice Cliff and Jasper Johns.
Music	We will be exploring lots of different ways to keep the pulse. We will look at different styles of songs and practise finding the pulse. We will also experiment with different instruments.
Geography	Our focus for Geography this term is 'What is it like here?' To begin with the children will discuss what they see and visit in their local area. We will then be looking at simple maps of familiar areas for the children to follow and find clues. The children will then be creating a 3D model of our local area, using maps to ensure that landmarks have been placed correctly.
History	In History we will be learning about 'How am I making History?' We will be exploring our own histories and how we have changed over time. We will also explore special events and how these are remembered. This half term the children will create their own class memory box to look back on at the end of Year 1.
DT	The children will be making their own structures (windmills). They will be learning how to join materials together and how to strengthen a structure.
Computing	The children will be learning about what an algorithm is (precise instructions) and they will be producing their own algorithms and exploring what happens if they are given in the wrong order. We will then be learning how to enter and print text and save and retrieve work on a word processing programme.
PE	Our focus is gymnastics and dance this term. We will be looking at key shapes, developing balance, coordination and movement, travelling and balancing in different ways, using apparatus and the children will develop their own routines. After half term the children will be creating a dance based on the Lion King and exploring different movements.
RE	Our key question for the first half term will be 'Does God want Christians to look after the world? The children will be listening to the creation story and reflecting on how different people look after the world. We will then be learning about the Christmas story, thinking about what it means to give a gift and what would be a suitable gift for the baby Jesus.

Key Dates

Friday 24th October 2025 – School closes
Monday 3rd November 2025 – School opens
Friday 19th December 2025 – school closes
Tuesday 6th January 2025– School opens