



Welcome to Year 1

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Welcome everyone to Year1 and I hope we all have a super year. In year 1 we start in September with a less formal learning approach, offering instead, lots of opportunities for the children to engage in active learning through hands-on, practical activities, alongside adult led sessions with direct teaching.

PE - Our PE days will be Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure all children come to school in a full PE kit (t-shirt, leggings/joggers and trainers) on this day and all jewellery is removed. We also ask that girls with long hair have it tied up.

Homework - This will be sent home each week on a **Friday** . This will be paper based and should be returned to school by the following Wednesday . Homework will be used to consolidate what we have covered that week. This will usually be a combination of reading words/sounds, maths or an activity linked to one of our foundation subjects.

Home Readers - It is important children change their books every week to help them develop their reading skills. We have a daily reading session in class therefore your child will need to bring their reading book into school on a daily basis. This is not to replace reading at home but is an opportunity for us to develop and improve fluency and understanding. Reading books will be changed up to twice a week. Books will only be changed if logs are signed. We recommend reading the book 3 times before changing to a new one. Your child will continue to be sent home with Read Write Inc. books until they are on Yellow books, when they will also be able to access the Oxford Reading Tree Magic Key series and Bug Club Readers.

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible over the coming year, it is vital that your child progresses at a good rate to ensure that they are able to develop key skills in reading. There is a clear link between reading and writing, if a child works hard on their reading skills and is challenged to the best of their ability this will reflect on both their writing ability and speaking.

Class Dojo

We will continue to use Class Dojo as a way to communicate with parents. It will carry over from last year so no need to re-connect. Anyone who needs a new sign in code or has not yet connected with school on Dojo I have sent home a new copy of the login page.

Seesaw

Seesaw is an amazing app we will be using this year in our class as a way to collect evidence of all the wonderful learning that takes place. We are able to share this with you at home and we ask that the children can use it to upload their homework each week. Each child has their own journal to which we will add photos, videos, drawings and notes on their learning. We will send home your child's unique login code/QR code, keep this in a safe place and follow the steps in the accompanying letter to download the app.



Curriculum



This half term, in Geography, we are finding out about the area around our school in our topic 'What is My Place like?' Science we will be finding out more about the human body and the 5 senses before beginning to explore different animal groups.

In Art we will be focusing on the formal elements, exploring line, shape and colour and using different mediums to create our artwork. Computing will give us the chance to look at introducing the basic of computers and logging in on our laptops. Our RE unit, 'What can we learn about Christianity from visiting church?', will involve us finding out more about religious buildings and what happens in a church. It will hopefully provide an opportunity to visit the Methodist Chapel in Willington.

Our first text for Autumn 1 is 'Eliot the Midnight Superhero'. We will be reading some fantastic books in English linked to superheroes.

Each class will be looking at books from a particular author, each term. This term our author focus will be Sue Hendra. Her books include 'Supertato', 'Norman the slug with the silly shell' and 'Barry the fish with fingers.'

Collecting your child after school.

Year 1 children are collected from the top of the yard. Although we bring them out of the KS1 door, we ask parents to wait halfway down the yard to enable us to see all parents/carers and safely hand over children. We will send each child when we see their parent, the children will be told not to go until myself or one of our TAs has said so please be patient with us, especially for the first couple of weeks as we learn which parent or grandparent belongs with each child.

If you are unable to collect your child at any point and someone else is collecting them please let the office know on the day. The safety of your child is very important and we will not allow the children to go a different adult unless contacted. If we haven't been informed our child will return to the school office until you have been contacted to confirm.