



Welcome to Year 1

Miss Jeffreys, Mr Walker and Miss Barney

September – October 2023



Welcome to Year 1!

Miss Jeffreys, Miss Barney and Mr Walker here! We hope you all had a lovely summer and have managed to have a good rest. We have loved getting to know the children over the last few weeks and hearing all of the children's news from the summer. We're pleased to let you know that all children are settling in well to life in Year One and getting used to their new routines. It's a big change coming from Early Years and the children are eager to learn more and more. We still have lots of opportunities to learn through play as well as learning in the classroom by developing our maths, reading and writing skills.

English

Our writing unit this half term is all about Traditional Tales. Children will explore a series of traditional tales including; Rapunzel, The Princess and the Pea and our core text will be The Gingerbread Man. The children will learn to retell the story confidently, map out the Gingerbread Man's journey and write a retelling of their own. Children will be immersed in the topic through drama and role-play. In reading, children will begin to learn our Super 6 reading skills- wonder, connect, visualise, retrieve, monitor and infer. We will also be having daily phonics sessions and children will become secure in their Set 2 sounds.

Maths

Children will be learning about the place of value of numbers. They will understand the place value of numbers initially up to ten. You can help at home by practising counting to 10 and beyond. We would also appreciate your support in helping your child to form their numbers correctly. We will also be learning how to add and subtract numbers to ten using counting objects, number finding the drawing problems and total.



General notices

Julia Donalson Class's teaching assistant is Miss McRobbie and Millie Bright Class's teaching assistant is Mrs Kahtoon.

Reading books

All of the children should now have a reading book or a reading sheet and this will be changed on a weekly basis. Your child's book will be collected in every **Thursday** and a new book will be provided on a **Friday**. Please make sure your child brings in their reading book and reading record to school every day as the children will be read with in class.

Please read with your child at least three times a week and sign the reading record.

PE

PE kits are provided to children and remain in school. Please make sure black PE pumps or trainers are provided at the earliest convenience. It would also be really helpful if children could practise dressing themselves at home, including buttons and zips.



Julia Donaldson Class (Miss Jeffreys): PE days are on Monday and Wednesday.

Mille Bright Class (Mr Walker): PE days are on Tuesday and Friday.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch at pick up time.

Many thanks,

Miss Jeffreys, Mr Walker and Miss Barney

Important Days

- Friday 20th October 2023 - Teach Training Day- School closed to all pupils
- Friday 27th October 2023- School closes to pupils
- Monday 6th November 2023 - School opens to pupils

You can help by:

- Reading with your child **everyday**
Listening to your child read and sharing stories with them is so important. Please ask questions about the book to check your child's understanding. The books taken home by the children are of a high quality so it's important to make the best use of them as they have been carefully matched to the reading level.
- Practising new phonics sounds (Access to home videos to follow)
- Practising counting up to 100 in steps of 2, 5 and 10.
- Forming numbers and letters correctly