



Year 1 Term 1 Newsletter



Hi Everyone!

Welcome to Year 1 (Meerkat Class)

I hope you all had a great summer and are ready for an exciting year ahead!

This term we are going to be embarking on a lot of new learning, most of which will probably be just getting settled into Year One and the new expectations.

Our key texts are going to be 'We are going on a bear hunt' and 'The Queens Hat' – both of which are lovely books and I'm sure will spark off some excellent story writing!

Maths - We will mainly be focusing on place value within ten, including number bonds to ten, comparing numbers using more than/less than, subitising, the counting pattern and doubling.

Science - We will be exploring the topic of 'Who am I?' including senses and body parts.

Computing - We will be learning about different types of technology and how it is all around us, as well as learning how to use an iPad in different ways.

History - We will be exploring the question 'Who is the greatest history maker?'

Art - We are going to be learning about all of the different ways that we can make spirals.

PE - We will be learning the basic skills of BEAM and Athletics. football and gymnastics.

RE - We are going to be exploring the creation story. Our key question is "Does God want Christians to look after the world?"

PSHE - We are following the topic of 'Me and My Relationships' where we will be learning all about the rules and expectations of Year 1, as well as how to be a kind friend.

Music – We will be learning the songs Rhythm in the Way we Walk and Banana Rap, as well as the musical skills linked to them.

Key dates for your diary

13th September – Roald Dahl Day

18th September – Meet the Teacher – 3.30 – 4.15

18th September – School council elections week

26th September – Flu Vacs

28th September – The Oak Tree live story reading

13th October – Harvest festival

20th October – Last day of term

Home Learning

Home learning is set every Friday and is usually put on Tapestry. This will consist of the following -

Tea Time Talks

Three questions will be asked based on the previous weeks learning, for you to discuss at your leisure. There is no requirement to write anything down or send anything in, it's just an opportunity to discuss more about what we have been learning in school. You can take it where you like!

Maths

Personalised online Maths activities will be set on Sumdog once the children have completed their initial assessment in school. Sumdog is available to use all of the time and is a great tool for improving the maths skills that we are learning about at that time.

Phonics

Keyring sounds, Ditty sheets, reading books and phonics games are all given out at different times depending on what they are and the reading stage that your child is at. You may also receive targeted videos, games and other links for your child to use at home.

Reading

Your child should read daily for at least five minutes and this should be recorded in their Reading Record. This can be their school reading book that is targeted towards their phonics ability, playing a phonics game or can be shared together from the 40 book challenge books.

P.E./Games

P.E. days for Year 1 are:

Outdoor PE – **Wednesday**

Indoor PE – **Monday**

PE kits must always be worn into school on the correct days. Velcro trainers are preferable until your child can tie their own laces. Earrings must be removed for all P.E