

Year 1 Autumn 1

Welcome to Year 1!

We are really excited for the year ahead.

All the children have settled into the school routines really quickly and we are so proud of them already!

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Reminders:



**PE is Wednesday and Thursday
each week.**

Forest School is every other Tuesday.



English

All children will be bringing home a sound mat to support their independent reading and writing.

In school, we will be:

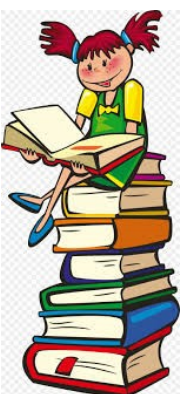
- ⇒ Orally segmenting and blending words to spell
- ⇒ Describe characters using a range of adjectives.
- ⇒ Phonics focus on segmenting and blending sounds to read words.
- ⇒ Use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops when writing simple sentences.

Maths

- ◆ Count, read and write numbers to 10.
- ◆ Practise written and mental methods to add and subtract single digit numbers.
- ◆ Understand that a sequence of objects and numbers can form a pattern.

Reading at home

- We aim to change your child's book as soon as their previous book has been returned although we cannot guarantee this
- We recommend that you read for a minimum of 10 minutes daily.



Creative Theme

Enchanted Woodland



Our first topic in Year 1 is Enchanted Woodland where we will be learning about the different trees, plants and animals you can find as well as how to protect them.

Science

We will look closely at wild and garden plants and investigate whether trees are deciduous or evergreen.

Which animals can you find in a woodland? We will find out and investigate how they can be grouped as well as what they eat.

Art and Design

We will use different pencil techniques to draw landscapes.

We will also look at the work of William Morris and design our own floral creation for printing repeating patterns.

Geography

We will investigate our local area.

Using maps we will find places of interest including schools, parks and supermarkets.

RE

We will be listening to and reading stories and extracts from religious literature and talk about their meanings and what we think about them.



PSHE

Our theme for this half term is Me and My School. We will be making our class rules together as well as looking at the role we play in our class, year and school.

There will be daily opportunities to ask questions or talk about our worries about coming back to school as well as how we are staying safe.

We have a Thoughts and Feelings Box in our classroom where children can write or draw any worries, anxieties or thoughts anonymously.



As part of our topic, we have chosen a number of tasks for the children to complete at home. The children must complete at least one of these tasks but they can complete as many as they like! Children can bring homework in at any time to show the rest of the class.

Plant some other wild flowers. Draw and write a flower diary about the changes you see each week. Take photographs or draw pictures to show your flowers as they grow and change.	Take your family for a woodland walk near your home. Take photographs of interesting flowers or trees to show your friends at school.
Search the web for images and facts about amazing woodlands or forests around the world. Make a scrap book showing the best ones.	Go on a tree hunt. Can you show an adult an evergreen or deciduous tree and explain what they are?
Make patterns and sculptures using natural materials in your gardens. Take photographs of your art work.	Have fun building a den with your family or friends. Draw a picture or take a photograph of it to show at school. Write about how you made your den and the materials you used.