



Welcome to Year 1!



We hope you have a fantastic summer and a well-earned break! We are really looking forward to teaching your child in September. Here are a few things you might need to know about Year One and some **optional** work should you wish to complete it.

Transition from Reception to Year 1

The transition to Year One from Reception is a **big** one. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day, however, this will be in a much more structured fashion. This change is a difficult one for the children to adjust to and unfortunately we do get some tears each year. Formal learning will gradually increase to try and make this transition as easy for the children as possible. Hopefully this will ensure, that as the year goes on, they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners. Please don't hesitate to contact us, either by email or Classdojo, should you have any worries of concerns.

Writing in Year One

Phonics will continue to be taught in groups and children will go up the colours as before. Remember this isn't a race and we want the children to be confident and actually understanding what they read. This year we will also start pre-cursive handwriting. This is the letters they have already learnt but with a lead in and a lead out. We have attached a sheet showing how the letters should be formed including the Read Write Inc rhymes. They cannot go onto pre-cursive until they can correctly form their letters.



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You Tube – Read, Write, Inc sounds – Set 1, 2 and 3.

Just Dance on Youtube and GoNoodle – anything to get rid of the wiggles.

Topmarks.co.uk – Online Games

Oxford Owls – Online Reading

Maths in Year One

We will continue to follow Maths Mastery and Power Maths, both of which thoroughly explore the composition of numbers, capacity, etc. The children will need to record their answers using St Mary's number format. Enclosed is also a sheet for number formation should you wish to practise with your child.

General Reminders...

- Please send your child in with a water bottle, their book bag and their phonics books, as these are changed regularly.
- Please weatherproof your child – It always rains in England, so ensure they have a coat, sun cream should they need it, etc.
- If you need to contact us with an important message for the day, please notify the office. We rarely get to sit at our desks, let alone check Class dojo or our emails, until after the children have gone. Any messages about absence or early pick up times must be made via the school office.
- We are always more than happy to talk with you should you have any worries or concerns. Please see us at the end of the day or message us for a phone call should you need to.

Have a Wonderful Summer! See you in September.