



Welcome to Year 1

The children have settled in very well and have been extremely busy learning the new expectations and routines of Year 1.

We are very impressed by how many children are able to come into school independently and settle down to their morning job. They are certainly ready for Year One! This enables us to start the mornings calmly and quickly. Thank you. The member of staff on the door is always happy to pass on messages to the teachers. The end of the day is a better time if you need to discuss anything with us or we can phone you at a convenient time during the day.

Meet the Team

Mrs Kelly - Year 1 team Leader and class teacher

Miss Stryjek - Class Teacher (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)

Miss Jarvis- Class Teacher (Thursday, Friday)

Mrs Gebhard -Teaching Assistant

Mrs Felce - Teaching Assistant

Mrs Reynolds - Teaching Assistant (afternoons, Friday)

The Autumn Curriculum

The new curriculum for this half term will follow shortly.

These first couple of weeks we are focussing on:

- Getting to know each other
- Learning the new rules and expectations
 - Building friendships
 - Improving listening skills

We will be assessing the children's reading, spelling, handwriting and number.



In literacy we will be covering:

- Sentence making - what does a sentence look like?
- Nouns - what are they?
- Adjectives - what are they and how can they improve our writing?

In maths we will be covering:

- Ordering and sequencing numbers
- Number bonds to 10.
- Properties of 2D and 3D shapes

In reading we will be covering:

- How to read unknown words.
- Asking and answering questions relating to the text.
- Giving opinions about what we like or dislike.

PE days

These will be **Mondays**. Please ensure that your child has suitable clothes in their PE bags on these days. (**clearly named!!**) Earrings should be removed at home on these days unless your child is able to remove them themselves in school. It is Northampton County Policy that earrings must be removed for PE.

Reading

We read in one form or another every day. This includes shared reading, phonic reading, reading for pleasure and guided reading. Guided reading is an adult led ability reading session where the children change their reading scheme books. Sometimes, you will find a sticker in your child's reading record book explaining the skills and activities covered within the session. It may also give ideas of how to support your child with reading at home. The children bring home a free choice book from the book box and this can be changed as often as they like. Please ensure your child has their book bag with them every day. We will be giving out new reading books next week.



How to Help at Home

We publish what we have been doing in Literacy and Mathematics on the Year 1 page of the School Blog. This will also have suggestions of how you can help at home to follow up work we have been doing in school.

Reading is highly valued in our school and we would encourage parents to read with or to their child every night. While it is important to practise the scribed books the children bring home from school the bedtime story or reading of any book can help to foster the love of books and reading we are hoping to give our children.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need any help and we will be happy to make an appointment to discuss things further.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Thank you

THE YEAR 1 TEAM