



Welcome to our first term of the school year! We hope you have had a lovely summer break and it has been a joy to meet all the children of class 1 and I look forward to building relationships with both parents and children as the year progresses.

This half term our topic is 'Marvellous Me; what makes me, me?'. Next half term we will be focusing on 'Let's celebrate our world; if you could go anywhere, where would you go?'. Children will be exploring their new indoor environment, the amazing outdoor area and making those important friendships. Mrs Clark

Phonics & Reading

Read Write Inc.
Phonics



Our phonics sessions are taught using the scheme, Read, Write Inc. Reception children will begin to learn the first set 1 sounds. We will begin to write these sounds, develop our oral blending skills and blending for reading along with segmenting for writing. There will also be a phonics workshop for parents in the coming weeks to ask any questions or answer any queries you may have.

Reading and stories are a key part of our learning environment. We have a book of the week as a focus text and our reading area provides children with a dedicated area for reading. The more books' children read, the better!

Maths

All children will follow the White Rose Maths scheme using activities, manipulatives and hands on experiences to learn a range of skills and knowledge in many mathematical areas. This half term Reception children will be learning about comparing and matching and making simple patterns. We will explore the composition of number to 5, exploring one less/one more and developing our subitising skills (recognising amounts without the need to count – think dice!).

Nursery children will be exploring comparison, shape and objects and exploring repeats. All activities will be taught with the support of stories, songs and familiar rhymes alongside maths provision in the classroom.

Home Learning [FOUNDATION STAGE 2 children only](#)

- Shortly, your child will be bringing home a **phonics learning pack**. Within this there will be sound cards applicable to the sounds your child is learning along with some phonic activity suggestions.
- Your child will be given **reading books** weekly. Initially these may be wordless books and then as your child develops their blending skills word books will be provided to read these at home with your child as much as possible.
- **Home learning challenge books** will be provided which will include a weekly task.



Class 1 Information

Food

- Children have access to daily school dinners; the menu can be found on our school website.
- Lunches should be paid for, on the school Parent Pay system. Dinners cost £2.75 per meal. Children in Foundation Stage 2 are part of the Governments 'Universal Free School Meals' initiative and therefore do not incur a charge.
- Children are of course welcome to bring their own packed lunch and drinks from home.
- **Please note we request that your child does not bring nuts, peanut butter, or snacks containing nuts into school. Thank you.**
- Children have daily snack time offering milk, water and a range of fresh fruit/vegetables.

Wednesday afternoon's – starting 15/9/25

Scooter time

- The children can bring their scooter or bike on a Wednesday and we will dedicate some time in the afternoon to use these on the playground.
- **A helmet must be worn and provided.**

Reading Sessions from 2.45pm

- Join us in class 1 with your child to enjoy some story time together. You can also choose a book to take home and bring back the following week.
- Please arrive at class 1 doors for 2:45pm. The school day will end at 3.20pm as usual.



- Our class reward system, 'It's Good to be Green' gives each child an opportunity to collect stickers on their own bookmark. Once their bookmark is full, they will get a chance to pick a well deserved treat of their choice out the treat box!

Clothing

- **Please ensure all clothing and footwear is labelled with your child's name.** If clothing isn't labelled, we can not guarantee that items of clothing won't get lost!
- All children will have daily access to water and outdoor play. Therefore, please can all children have a change of clothes each day (they are able to stay in school). Although we do have spare clothes and children are encouraged to use aprons, water and sand can get everywhere!
- Please provide a pair of wellies each day or some that can stay in school – labelled!
- **PE will be on a Friday for all children.** Please ensure your child has a PE kit (including trainers) with them on this day, again, these can stay in school.