

Year One Newsletter

All of the year 1 staff are looking forward to working with you and your child.

Literacy

Our main focus will be writing labels, lists and captions. In phonics we will be reviewing Phase 4 adjacent consonants as well as introducing Phase 5. In Reading we will be teaching retrieval skills and reading books written by Janet and Allen Ahlberg. We will be having a big focus on children forming letters neatly and correctly, starting and ending at the correct place.

Maths

In Numeracy the children will be reading, writing and ordering numbers up to 20. They will also be counting forwards and backwards from different starting points. We will be revisiting 1 more and 1 less as well as addition and subtraction using numbers 0-20.

Theme

In **Geography**, we will be learning about Greenholm Road. We will introduce physical and human features and children will be using maps to identify places.

In **History**, we will be learning about childhood in the past. The children will be comparing Greenholm School in the 1960s to how school is now. They will also be exploring toys from the past and comparing them with toys they play with now.

In **Science**, we will be learning about materials. Children will be learning the names of materials and they will be using scientific vocab to describe the properties e.g. transparent etc.

In **DT**, the children will be learning how to fold and join materials. By the end of the unit, the children will be ready to make their own photo frame.

PE/Book Bags

Year 1 will do PE on Tuesdays- children can come into school in their PE kit.

Children will be heard read at least 3 times a week so please bring book bags in **everyday**.

Homework and spellings will be sent home on a Friday. The children will be tested on these spelling the following **Friday**.

Useful information

Snacks- Children can buy toast at snack times. Money **MUST** be in a wallet or a purse. In the afternoon, children will receive fruit. You can bring your own fruit if preferred, but no other snacks are allowed during the afternoon.

Punctuality- School opens at 8:45 and Phonics lessons start promptly at 8:55. Please ensure your child is at school on time so they do not miss out on vital learning.