



Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 7th September 2018

Important messages

Transition from

Reception to Year 1

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. The children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the term goes on so and we know that they will remain motivated, enthused and eager learners. Please don't hesitate to come and see your child's class teacher either before or after school if you have any questions or queries.

We will be holding a Year 1 Transition meeting for parents 'Winterbourne Expects' on **Tuesday 18th September 2018 at 3.45pm** and we look forward to meeting you then.

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and we are sure you are now ready to start the new school year, so welcome to Year 1! We are looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year. We hope that you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 1 has to offer!

English

Next week the children will be reading the book 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell and engaging in activities based on the story. Click on the link to listen to the story of Owl Babies

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6aY YiyQUmY>

The children will be writing sentences to describe themselves and their family. They will be encouraged to say their sentences before they write them down to ensure that they make sense. They will use 'and' and 'because' to extend their sentences.

Things to do at home

- Talk about who is in your family and make a family tree.
- Use the conjunctions 'and' and 'because' to write sentences about a special person in your family.

Maths

Next week the children will be counting, reading and writing numbers to 20 and beyond. They will practice counting forwards and backwards starting from different points, ie counting on from 8 up to 20 or starting from 18 and counting back to 0. They will also use the number line to find the number that is one more and one less than a given number. To extend their number knowledge they will also be challenged to find the number that comes between two numbers, ie *what number lies between 9 and 11?*

Things to do at home

- Count out everyday objects together, count the number of steps it takes from the kitchen to your bedroom
- Practice forming numbers correctly using rainbow writing (felt tip pens).



The children are happily settling in and making new friends.

Things you need to know

P.E sessions are as follows:

Bees – Monday
Butterflies -Thursday
Caterpillars - Monday
Ladybirds- Friday

Please provide a **named** P.E. kit for your child.

Your child will shortly be given a reading book and a reading record to bring home. Please keep their reading record and book inside their named plastic wallet in their book bags to bring to school every day. The children will also have lots of opportunities to read and enjoy books throughout the week at school and at home. If you are interested in becoming a parent reader, please see Mrs Jones, Deputy Head teacher.



As part of their Science lesson, the children went on a walk around the playground to see if they could identify signs of autumn.

The National expectation is that attendance should exceed 96.5%.