

Year 1

Meet the Teacher Meeting Information

Welcome to Year 1!

Meet the Year 1 team

Ms Recska –Miss Fox – Mrs Kossier

Mr Papciak- Mrs Panchal

Mrs McMurdie

Topics

Our topics will change each half term. This year, our topics will include My World and I, Amazing Places and Spaces in the UK, Toys and Materials, Gardener's World, Animal Kingdom, Castles and Royals.

Up until October half term, Year 1 will run in a similar way to Reception. We will have adult led activities across all subjects and then children will still have some opportunities for active learning time in the afternoon. Throughout the year active learning will slowly reduce to settle children into the Year 1 routine and prepare them for Year 2.

The children will be taught Phonics, Maths and English every day; Science, Art and D &T, PE, PSHE, Humanities, Music and RE being taught in the afternoon. We teach cross-curricular and link our learning, where possible, to the topic.

Our medium term plans are uploaded on to our website at the beginning of each half term.

Reading

Reading books will be sent home on a Friday for your child to read to you and should be returned to school on the following Wednesday. It is really important that you read with your child every day and try to question them about the book in order to check their comprehension (understanding) of what they have read. If you could make any additional notes about their reading in their reading records such as words they found hard to read or if they enjoyed the book, this would be extremely helpful.

Phonics

Phonics will be taught daily using the scheme Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised! We have adopted this new scheme drawing on the latest research on how children learn best, how to ensure learning stays in children's long term memory and how best to enable children to apply their learning to become highly competent readers.

We will begin by revisiting some sounds to assess how much the children have retained over the summer and gain an understanding of any gaps in your child's phonics knowledge. Then we will move on to the Year 1 programme of study and provide interventions to support children where necessary. In June, all Year 1 children will undertake a phonics screening check. The children are unaware that this is a test as we introduce it to them as a reading or phonics challenges. We will undertake practise challenges throughout the year and inform you of your child's progress.

PE

Year 1 PE will take place on a Monday and Wednesday. Thank you for sending them into school in their PE kits. If weather gets colder please ensure children have their school jumper. Please remove earrings before sending them to school.

Show and Tell

Show and tell will continue in Year 1. We have a list for this half term which you will have seen in your child's book bag. We ask that, where possible, your child brings in their Show and Tell on a Monday and they will have an opportunity to show this during the week. Where possible please bring in something linking to our topic that your child is happy to talk about.

Please feel free to speak to us if you have any questions. If you would like to speak to the class teacher on a one to one basis, please call the office, who will be able to arrange a phone call for you or catch us at the end of the day when all children have gone home.

Please could we politely ask you that comments are not made on social media and that you speak with us directly if there are any queries or issues.

We look forward to working with you this year,

Ms Recska and Mr Papciak