

Welcome to Year 1!



I hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and I am sure you are now ready to start the new school year, so welcome to Year 1. We have a very exciting and productive year planned. I hope that you and your child enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 1 has to offer.

Transition from Foundation Stage 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 Foundation Stage. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day. The children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on. Please don't hesitate to come and see me either before or after school if you have any questions or queries.

Topics for Autumn Term

Our topic for this half term is 'What is special about Hull?' As geographers we will be exploring the local area around our school and Sutton village. We will be carrying out surveys and looking at maps of the local area. We will be using geographical vocabulary to describe what we have seen.

As historians we will investigate how the local area has changed over the years, focusing on how Hull docks have developed over time.

As artists we will learn different techniques for making and decorating our own amazing structures.

The science theme for this half term is 'Seasonal Changes'. The children will observe and talk about changes in the weather and the seasons.

During this half term we will be reading a wide range of stories in literacy lessons. We will be exploring the characters and settings from the different stories. The children will be asked to create their own characters and write their own story.

In the numeracy lessons we will continue to build on your child's number skills.

Helpful Reminders...

- The children will be doing **PE** on **Monday or Thursday**. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled.
- Any letters or reply slips which need to be returned can be put in your child's book bag. The children are encouraged to check their book bags each morning and give things in during registration.
- Reading books will be changed every Tuesday and Friday. You should encourage your child to read at home every day as regular reading makes a real difference to a child's progress in all areas of the curriculum. Please ensure that your child's reading log is signed. We would like each child to put their reading book in the blue tray once the book has been read. This tray is clearly labelled and is kept in the cloakroom.
- Homework will be given when it is appropriate to the topic.
- Please let the school office know if your contact details have changed during the summer holidays.