



Year One Newsletter



Hello and welcome to the first edition of our Year One Newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Mrs Byng, Assistant Headteacher, and part of my role is Key Stage One Leader working across Year One and Year Two to ensure that all the children are reaching their full potential at school.

All of the staff are all really excited about the year to come. The children have already made a fabulous impression in their first few days and we are all looking forward to the learning adventures we will go on together! Please feel free to come and discuss with your child's class teacher or myself any achievements your child has made or any concerns you may have. All of the staff will always endeavour to find a mutually convenient time to speak to you.

Welcome to Year 1



Meet the Year One Team

Maple Class

Mrs Thurman - Teacher

Miss Humphries - Teaching Assistant

Fir Class

Miss Wilson - Teacher

Miss Friar - Teaching Assistant

Mrs Byng - Key Stage One Leader

Miss Tooker - Intervention Teacher

All children were provided with a book bag in Reception. Please make sure that your child's book bag is in school everyday. This is a part of their school uniform. We regularly send home letters and it is one of the many ways we communicate with you, so please make sure you check it daily.

Could you please also ensure that **all** uniform (including coats and P.E. kits) are labelled. This makes it a lot easier for us to return them to you if they go astray.

Dates for the diary

Monday 10th September - 9.00am

Welcome to Year One Parents Meeting in the school hall.

Thursday 13th September - Roald Dahl Day

Wednesday 26th September - School Photographer

Thursday 27th September - MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Monday 8th October - Y1 Nasal Flu Spray

Tuesday 9th October - 9.00am Harvest Assembly

Wednesday 17th October - Letter Press Project

Wednesday 24th October - 3.10—5.00pm Open Evening

P.E.

Maple Class - Wednesday afternoon
(with a Sport's Coach)

Fir Class - Thursday afternoon

Please ensure that your child has a P.E. kit in school at all times. P.E. kits should contain black shorts, plain white polo neck and black pumps in a named Holly Hill P.E. bag
all of these **must** be labelled.

Welcome to Year One Parents Meeting

We would like to invite you into school on Monday 10th September at 9.00am to meet your child's class teacher and find out more about what your child will be learning in Year One.

The meeting will be held in the school hall.



Life in all its Fullness

We all hope that your child settles well into Year One. We understand that the transition from Reception to Year One can be a challenging time for some children but be assured we will do everything we can to ensure the children settle quickly. It can be a big change for some children adapting to the Key Stage One curriculum. To help them during the first half term children will still have access to play based activities in the afternoons and will have more structured lessons during the mornings where they will have opportunities to work independently as well as with an adult in a small group. This will ensure that staff can get to know children well and plan to meet their needs throughout the year.



ABRACADABRA



Our first topic this year is Abracadabra.

In English the children will be focusing on writing lists and simple sentences using their phonics knowledge with finger spaces and correct punctuation. The children will be learning this through a range of exciting and engaging texts such as: Room on the Broom, Jack and the Beanstalk and Hansel and Gretel.

In phonics the children will learning phase four of the Letters and Sounds document. In Phase four, no new graphemes (a letter or a group of letters that make one sound) are introduced. The main aim of this phase is to consolidate the children's knowledge of phase two and three as well as helping them learn to read and spell words which have adjacent consonants (where two consonants are next to each other in a word), such as **trap**, **string** and **milk**.

In Maths the children will be learning how to use numbers 0-20. They will be finding one more and one less than a given number, learning how to add and subtract these numbers as well as recognise which are odd and which are even. We will also be using our magic maths to recognise and use number bonds to 10.

Holly Hill's Christian values will continue to be at the heart of everything we do. This half term the children will be learning about friendship, kindness, love, hope, patience, respect and tolerance.