

Welcome to Year One



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely summer and had the chance to relax and enjoy being with your children. Our topic this term is 'The Circus is Coming to Town', which is a fun topic to start our year off. If you have any questions, please do ask.

Teachers

Mrs Kay and Miss McGahey are teaching Year 1. Miss McGahey is on a course on Thursdays so Mrs Brooks and Mrs Lockey will be in our class on that day. Currently, Fireflies are one large class but we will be splitting them into two separate classes shortly and we will let you know which teacher has responsibility for your child.

It is a big change from Reception to Year 1 and although we have tried to keep the transition smooth, please do contact us if your child is finding the change difficult so that we can help.

Forest School

Half of the class goes to woodland area in front of the school on a Wednesday afternoon and the other half on Thursday afternoon. There are brambles in the woods which can snag clothing so it may be a good idea to bring old clothing in. Also a pair of wellies will keep feet dry and save school shoes from getting scuffed.

Homework

Maths (Beat That) homework will be sent home on Mondays. Your child will have the same sheet in class for part of Friday's Maths lesson so please help them to achieve their best.

Spellings will also be given out on a Monday and will be tested the following Monday.

There will also be a topic based homework which is a project for the whole term.

Reading books will be changed daily, provided an adult has signed to say the book has been read.

Earrings

Fireflies have PE on a Tuesday so please remove earrings on that day and make sure PE kits are in school.

Water Bottles

If you send your child in with a water bottle for lesson time, please make sure it contains just water and not squash or juice.

End of the Day

Please bear with us as we learn which parent goes with which child. If you could wave when we call out your child's name that would really help us.

We are looking forward to working with you!

Mrs Kay, Miss McGahey, Mrs Percy and Mrs Clarke



The Circus is Coming to Town

Y1

<p><u>English</u> Our text for the first part of this term is Olivia Saves the Circus by Ian Falconer. This will be Followed by Claude in the City by Alex T Smith. We will be learning a version of the text and then changing it to make our own stories. We have been practicing saying complete sentences and then writing these down, using gaps between words. We are also using our letter sounds to help us when we spell. In handwriting we are revising how single letters are formed.</p>		<p><u>Maths</u> In Maths we have been learning to count accurately to 20 and to write these numbers in numerals and words. We will also be representing numbers in different ways. Finally, we will be learning to add and subtract by using objects and then a number line. We will also be doing quick mental recall, which we call 'Snappy Maths'. During these times we will be counting in 1s, and 10s and learning the number pairs which make 10.</p>
<p><u>Science</u> We will be learning the names of common materials and words to describe their properties. We will be testing materials to see which will make the best circus tent.</p>	<p><u>Phonics & Spelling</u> We have been reminding ourselves of the single letter sounds and practicing blending sounds together. This term we will continue with Letters and Sounds Phase 3.</p>	<p><u>History</u> In History we are going to look at photos of travelling circuses in the past and then comparing them to modern circuses. We are also starting our class time line.</p>
<p><u>Geography</u> We will be looking at things from above and see if we can identify what they are. We will also be planning a travelling circus.</p>	<p><u>Art & DT</u> We will be using collage to make circus clown faces and using our DT skills to make our own big top.</p>	<p><u>Music</u> We will be learning our new school song this term and also using the Kindermusik Giggles unit to help develop our singing.</p>
<p><u>PE</u> This term we are exploring different ways of moving and balancing and building these into short sequences.</p>	<p><u>Computing</u> We will be learning the basic e-safety rules and learning to use child friendly web pages to find information.</p>	<p><u>Events</u> On Friday 16th September, the children will be having a circus skills workshop. We are hoping to learn lots of new circus skills.</p>
<p><u>Forest Schools</u> We hope to go outside to learn at least once a week. Our learning will always be linked to our topic or our work in class.</p>	<p><u>RE</u> We use the Kent scheme and have begun a unit of Judaism. We have been looking at Jewish beliefs and important leaders.</p>	<p><u>PSHE</u> We have been learning to recognise different emotions in ourselves and others. We will be looking at how to deal with our feelings when we start to feel angry or cross.</p>