



**Welcome to Year 1
from
Miss Crossley, Mr Clare and Miss Eyre!**



We hope you've had a lovely time over the summer and are now ready to start the new school year, so welcome to Year 1!

We're looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that we can have a very exciting year. We hope that you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 1 has to offer! Don't forget to look at our class web pages to find out more about what we've been doing and we'd love it if you would comment back to us.

Year 1 is a busy year and we have lots of exciting things to learn! The first terms topic is 'Deep Dark Woods' and will be a Science and Art based topic. We will be using our science skills to identify living things and naming common plants and animals. At the end of September we will be visiting Silverwood where we will be taking part in woodcraft based activities. There will be more information about this trip in the coming weeks.

Parent reading sessions

In Year 1 Parents are invited to come along to Reading sessions on a Wednesday morning 8.45-9.00 and Tuesday afternoon 2.50-3.05. Make sure if you listen to your child read in these sessions that you record it in their reading log.

Reading in Year 1

Your child will be given a book and a reading log to bring home and read throughout the week. They will need to bring their reading log and books in their book bags to school **every day**. Please listen to your child read and sign their log each day. The more they read the more prizes they can get! If you need any advice about reading with your child please pop in and see us.

Rewards

We reward good behaviour, effort and achievement with Monster Points and Star of the Week. Monster points are given out throughout the week and at the end of the week a prize is given to the child who has earned the most points. Each week a star of the week is also chosen this can be for exceptional effort, kindness or generally being a credit to the class, the chosen child then 'Dines with the Stars' on Friday lunchtime and has their photo displayed in class.

Marvellous Missions

Every week the children will be set a Marvellous Missions task. These books are sent home on a Friday and the work is due in the following Wednesday. We encourage children to complete these as independently as possible. Every week a Mission of the Week is chosen from each class and their photos will be displayed in the cloakroom.

General Reminders...

- **Spelling snails** – Your child will bring home a spelling snail every day that will be checked once a week in school. Please make sure you practise this with your child as often as possible.
- **PE Days** - Please ensure your child has a clearly labelled PE kit in school all week (rainy days may mean that outdoor PE sessions have to take place on different days). Your child needs to ensure they have their correct kit and that all jewellery is taken out before school. Earrings have to be removed, we cannot allow children to take part in PE lessons wearing earrings even if they have plasters over them!
- As space is limited in cloak rooms we encourage you to allow your child to come into school **independently**. Please do not hesitate to come in and ask questions if you have any.
- Children only need to bring their reading log, reading book, spelling snail and marvellous mission. All stationary is provided in school, so please do not overload their bags.
- All children need indoor shoes and these must be clearly labelled.

Don't forget if you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to pop in and see us!