Welcome to Year 1

What to expect in Year 1, how learning changes from EYFS and how you can help at home.

What does your child need in school?

Labelled clothing that they can identify when they take off their jumper/cardigan

Book bag with reading book and reading record

Water bottle

Lunch (if you're providing it)

Snack (healthy, grapes need to be cut length ways- we do have snack at school so you don't have to provide the snack)

PE kit to be worn on Tuesdays (following school uniform policy) and Forest school kit to be worn on Fridays (following school uniform policy)

Homework to be put in the red box on Wednesdays and will be returned on Fridays.

From EYFS to the National Curriculum

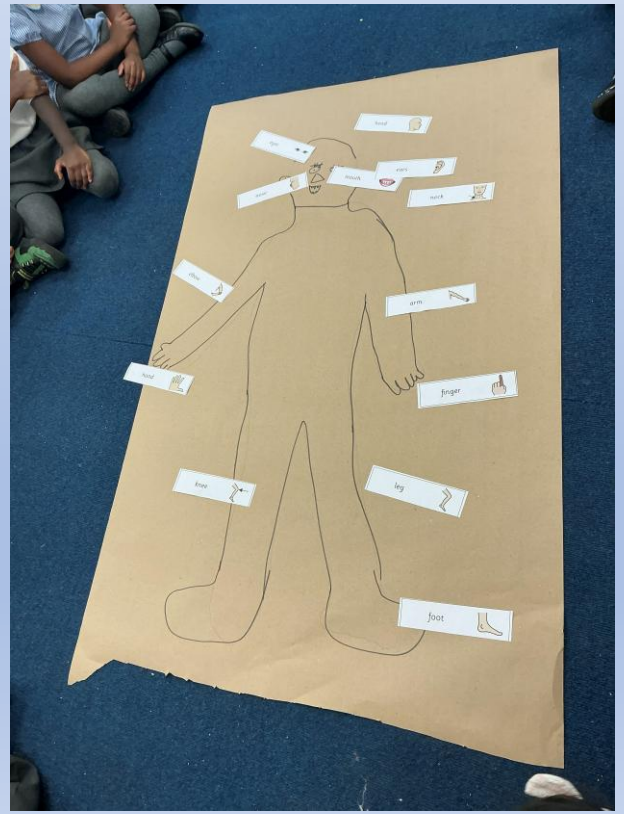
Reception (EYFS)	Year 1 (National Curriculum)
Learning through play	More structured lessons
Child-led learning	Teacher-led learning increases
Early Learning Goals	National Curriculum objectives
Continuous provision all day	Some continuous provision remains
Flexible timetable	More formal routines
Focus on learning behaviours	Greater focus on subject knowledge

Writing: The Biggest Curriculum Change Reception (EYFS) vs Year 1 Writing	
Reception (EYFS)	Year 1 (National Curriculum)
2 broad writing goals	25+ writing objectives
Learning to form letters	Accurate handwriting expectations
Writing simple phrases and sentences	Writing sequences of sentences
Using phonics to spell words	Applying spelling rules and common exception words
Focus on communication and confidence	Focus on grammar, punctuation and composition
Learning through play and exploration	More structured writing lessons

What Stays the Same?

Children still learn best through practical experiences, exploration, talk and creativity.

We continue to provide hands-on learning, outdoor opportunities and lots of encouragement.



The Year 1 Curriculum

English
- Reading and phonics
- Writing sentences

Maths
- Number and calculation
- Problem solving

Science, History, Geography, RE, Art, DT, Computing, PE and Music

Reading and Phonics

- Daily reading makes the biggest difference.
- Continue practising Little Wandle sounds and tricky words.
- Re-read books to build fluency and confidence.
- Prepare for the Phonics Screening Check in June.

How Can You Help at Home?

✓ Read for 10 minutes every day
✓ Practise phonics and tricky words
✓ Count and spot numbers everywhere
✓ Encourage independence
✓ Talk about school and celebrate effort

Working Together

Together we can help your child feel confident, happy and successful in Year 1.

Thank you for your support.

Any Questions?