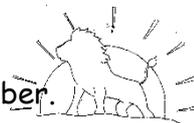


## Welcome to Year 1 Information Letter



Welcome to Year 1. We are very excited to be working with you and your child from September.

The Year 1 teaching staff for September are:

		
Miss Andrews - 1A	Miss Dickinson - 1D	Miss Gardner - 1VG

The children enter school via their classroom doors between 8.45 - 8.55am. Their class teacher will welcome the children into school in the morning.

The school day ends at 2.55pm and the children will be dismissed from their classrooms.

### PE

In Year 1 we have 2 PE sessions per week. One session is indoors and the children will need shorts and t-shirt. The second session is outdoors and the children will need shorts, t-shirt, jogging bottoms, jumper and trainers/plimsolls.

Long hair must be tied up for PE and no earrings are allowed.



### Topic

Our first topic in Year 1 is 'All About Me'. It's a really good opportunity for us to get to know the children and for them to tell us all about themselves and their likes and dislikes, celebrating how everyone is different.



### School Trips

Hopefully we will be able to visit Mountfitchet Castle in June 2021 and we will also enjoy a tour of Canvey Island in April 2021. We also welcome a range of visitors linked to our topics throughout the year, last year we had a very exciting visit from Florence Nightingale!

### Spelling Shed and Maths Shed

Each child will have their own login for Spelling and Maths Shed. We use this programme in school and the children are also able to access this at home.

This supports them with their weekly spellings and number bonds.



### Forest School

The children will continue with their forest school sessions throughout the year. Children will need wellies and old clothes for these sessions.

### Homework

In Year 1 we encourage every child to read at least 3x a week at home. We reward their commitment to this reading challenge and each class has the opportunity to win the reading bear for their classroom.

Every child is given 6 weekly spellings to learn. We learn the spelling pattern in school but we also encourage children to practise their weekly spellings at home. This can be done on Spelling Shed. Weekly spellings are given out on a Friday and a spelling test is completed the following Friday. Every half term we set Creative Homework that is linked to our topic. It is a chance for children to be as creative as they can and also to work with adults at home to produce a piece of work that showcases their home learning. We enjoy year group assemblies where the children can celebrate their achievements with their friends.

### Playground

In Year 1 we use the KS1 playground which is the same as one they used in Reception. The children have the opportunity to use the gym trail, large climbing apparatus and the bus or play games using the small equipment. The children will continue to be given a piece of fruit at playtime.

### Lunchtime

At lunchtime both children who are having a school dinner or a packed lunch eat together in the small hall - this was the same for them in Reception.

### Wellbeing

In Year 1 we value the children's wellbeing and the importance of allowing children the opportunity to relax. We have daily relaxation sessions after lunch and also weekly circle times where we are able to discuss and manage issues and worries that have arisen during the week. We also cover the importance of friendships, being respectful and having good manners.

### Growth Mindset

In Year 1 we encourage the children to have a growth mindset and this is modelled to the children in every lesson by the adults. It is important for the children to be resilient and understand that we learn by our mistakes. We are continuing with the 'Characteristics of Effective Learning' characters that they should remember from Reception.



### Year 1 Highlights

A chance to sing  
in the KS1 carol  
concert with  
year 2!

To experience a  
visit from a  
historic heroine!

Opportunity to  
visit a real castle!