

# WELCOME TO YEAR 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you and your children to Year 1.

We're very pleased to say that the children have settled in wonderfully and have made the most incredible start to the new school year. They've shown great enthusiasm and curiosity already and we are really looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

This term, we will be immersing ourselves in a wide range of engaging topics:

- **English:** We will be focusing on building sentence structure and adding in adjectives to our work. We will be writing a short narrative, as well as a non-fiction report and delving into poetry. We will continue to use our phonics to support our spelling and learn a range of high-frequency and common exception words. Handwriting will also be a focus.
- **Maths:** Children will be building an understanding about place value within 20, as well as strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems up to 20. We will also be looking into the names of 2D and 3D shapes and using these to solve problems involving patterns.
- **Science:** We will be investigating seasonal change, developing an awareness and understanding how our planet changes and how we adapt to live within the different seasons.
- **Geography:** We will be becoming explorers and travelling down south to Antarctica! We will be looking at what exists there and begin comparing it to the UK. We will also begin using atlases, maps and globes to support our learning.
- **Wellbeing and Personal Development:** We will be revisiting what makes us safe and happy and how we can prepare ourselves to learn every day. We will also be regularly revisiting our class and school routines.

## Key information

- PE days are **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Please ensure children come to school in full PE kit on these days.
- Reading at home – Please try to listen to your child read every day. Sign their reading diary each time they read – this will help support their progress and help us track their development.
- Phonics and red words – Please support your child with learning their sounds and red words that will come home with them every day. Please can red words always be in their packs when in school.
- Water bottles: Please ensure children's names are on water bottles and are in school every day.
- Snacks: Children are provided with healthy snacks daily in school.
- Weather: As the weather begins to change, please make sure your child brings in a named coat to school each day.

## Communication

- We are available to speak with you briefly at the beginning and the end of the school day. If you would like a longer conversation, please make an appointment – we are always happy to support you and your child.
- We will also be checking diaries regularly so please keep an eye out for any messages or letters that may be in them.

Thank you for your continued support – we're looking forward to the most incredible year!

Warm regards,

*Sam Mallard, Freya Laverick, Jeni Dowman*

**Year 1 Team**