

*Hello Everyone,  
Welcome to Year 1 aka Meerkat Class!  
I hope you have all had a great summer and are  
ready for an exciting year ahead, I know I am!*

This term we are going to be embarking on a lot of new learning, much of which will involve getting settled into Year One and the new expectations.

As a whole school, our key focus is on 'Individuality' and so a lot of our learning in class is centred around that. Across a range of subjects, we will be learning all about ourselves by learning about our bodies and our senses, about our local area and where we come from, as well as our own personal timelines. We will explore the rules and expectation of Year 1, as well as how we can be a kind friend. In writing, we are going to be exploring the poem 'When I'm By Myself' by Eloise Greenfield. We will then have a go at writing our own poems all about ourselves combining all of the knowledge that we have learnt so far.

In Maths we will mainly be focusing on place value within ten, including number bonds to ten, comparing numbers using more than/less than, subitising, the counting pattern and doubling.

In Computing we will be learning about different types of technology and how it is all around us, as well as learning how to use an iPad in different ways.

In Art we are going to be learning about all of the different ways that we can make spirals.

In PE we will be learning the basic skills of BEAM and Team Building.

In RE we are going to be exploring the creation story. Our key question is "Does God want Christians to look after the world?"

In Music we will be learning the songs Rhythm in the Way we Walk and Banana Rap, as well as the musical skills linked to them.

### Polite Reminders

Children should have a bottle of water with them every day for use in class. Children are not allowed to have juice in this bottle. Juice is permitted at lunch times.

Children should not wear hooped earrings at school for health and safety reasons.

### Key dates for your diary

- 4<sup>th</sup> September** – Children's first day back
- 23<sup>rd</sup> September** – Meet the Teacher – 3.45 – 4.15
- 3<sup>rd</sup> October** – Census Day (Please have school dinner if you can!)
- 10<sup>th</sup> October** – World Mental Health Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest Festival
- 17<sup>th</sup> October** – Tempo Film Night
- 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Last day of term

# Year 1 Term 1 Newsletter



## P.E./Games

P.E. days for Year 1 are:  
Outdoor PE – **Monday**  
Indoor PE – **Wednesday**

Your child should come into school on their PE days ready for the lesson. Velcro trainers are preferable until your child can tie their own laces to ensure they are as independent as possible. Earrings must be removed for all P.E lessons.

## Home Learning

**Home learning is set every Friday and consists of the following -**

### Tea Time Talks

Three questions will be asked based on the week's learning, for you to discuss at your leisure. There is no requirement to write anything down or send anything in, it's just an opportunity to discuss more about what we have been learning in school. You can take it where you like!

### Maths

Personalised online Maths activities that are set on Sumdog. You will find your child's log in details in their reading record book. Sumdog is available to use all of the time and is a great tool for improving your child's Maths skills.

### Phonics

Phonics Home Learning can come in many different forms. The main ways are bullet pointed below, but your child may also receive Ditty Sheets, QR codes for targeted videos, games and other links, which have all been selected to ensure that your child becomes a speedy and confident reader.

- Book Bag Books are collected in on Thursday and redistributed on Friday.
- Keyring Sounds are changed dependent on the sounds your child needs to practise reading speedily.
- Phonics Games are changed on a Thursday.

### Reading

Your child should read daily for at least five minutes and this should be recorded in their Reading Record. This can be their Book Bag Book, a phonics games or can be shared together from the 40 book challenge books.