



Welcome to Year 1

September 2025

Start of day: 8:50am End of day: 3:15pm

Key Stage One Phase Leader

Miss Hill

Classes in Key Stage One

Y1: Mrs S Hall

Y2: Miss Hill

Staff working with your children this year:

Mrs S Hall

Mr Hakes

Miss Dicken

Mrs Durance

Parent helper:

Mrs Taylor-North

Dear parent/carer,

A big welcome back from all of us in Year 1. All the staff in Year 1 are so excited to work with you and your child over the next year. Please remember that all members of staff are happy to speak with you at any time over the year regarding the learning and well-being of your child. Do not hesitate to contact us via our online platform (E-Schools) or by contacting the school office (01740 630270). Alternatively, we are happy to discuss any issues with you during morning or evening handovers provided we have additional supervision for our class.

Please find below some important information for this year.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Main Y1 Topics:

Autumn:

Transition

Sensitive bodies

Seasonal changes/weather

Who is Muslim?

Spring:

Everyday materials

Comparing animals

The history of schools

Creation and Easter

Summer:

Plants

Investigating stories through science.

The history of toys

What do Christians believe God is like?

Educational Visits

Stick Man trail

Snappy Spring

Traditional toys workshop

We have a number of on-site educational visitors in school this year including a pantomime performance from M and M Theatre Group. We will provide half-termly updates via the school newsletter.

PE:

The designated days for Y1 PE are Thursday and Friday. PE kits are required to be brought into school each half-term so that we can have flexibility with the weather for outdoor PE.

Throughout the year, children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of sporting events at Stockton Venues.

Below is a guide to homework. Please note we may issue other homework as appropriate. We use E-Schools to set and mark homework.

Day	What I need for school today
Monday	Reading record. Water bottle.
Tuesday	Reading record. Water bottle.
Wednesday	Reading record. Water bottle.
Thursday	Reading record. Water bottle. Home spelling book. This will be returned home on Friday with the spellings for the following Thursday.
Friday	Reading record. Water bottle.
<u>Homework Expectations:</u>	
<u>Reading</u> Daily reading whenever possible. Please prioritise the SFA book on E-schools, before the reading for pleasure book that will be changed once a week. This book will only be changed if the SFA book has been read. Please write a comment in your child's reading record so that they can be rewarded with Cassidi coins.	
<u>Spellings</u> The children will be given spellings based on the sound they are learning that week on a Friday, in preparation for a quiz the following Thursday. The children will need to be able to write the words in the spelling quiz.	
<u>Maths</u> A weekly game related task on E-schools based on the learning of that week. The homework tasks will be on your child's main E-schools page using your child's log in. Please send a message /photo of completed tasks in a message on E-schools to Mrs S Hall (not Mrs J Hall).	
<u>Topic</u> Please choose one activity to complete per week from the topic homework activities on your child's main E-schools page. Please send photos of completed tasks in a message on E-schools to Mrs S Hall. The children will be rewarded for reading and homework tasks with Cassidi coins that can be spent in our Cassidi shop! Homework tasks will begin in the second week of the term.	

Here are some key knowledge / skills your child needs to know throughout their time in Year 1. Please work on these skills regularly:

- Counting to 100 from any point, forwards and backwards.
- Recognition of 2D and 3D shapes.
- Telling the time to o'clock and half past.
- Number bonds to 20.
- Writing in sentences with a capital letter and a full stop.
- Recognition of phonic sounds and applying them to their own writing.
- Demonstrating an understanding of fiction and non-fiction texts through answering questions.

Developing good comprehension and reading fluency is essential. Attached is a list of the top fifty recommended books for your child's year group.
You may enjoy reading them together.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/year-1/>

Transition to Year 1

This transition for your child can be a very difficult time, due to the curriculum being much more structured than in Reception. Some children are more prepared for this change than others. Please try not to worry if your child suddenly appears to dislike coming to school. We find that it sometimes takes the children a few weeks to get used to their new routine. We will be doing some transitional activities on an afternoon to help with this.

Phonics Screening Check

In Year 1, we will be working towards the Phonics Screening Check in the summer term. Further information on this will be sent home closer to the time. The best way to prepare for this is for your child to read and learn their spellings as regularly as possible.