

Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2023

Firstly, we would like to say a big welcome to Year 1! It has been so lovely to see the children back in school and eager to learn and play with their friends; we are looking forward to getting to know everyone.

This term our topic is Once Upon a Time. We will be reading lots of different stories, including traditional fairytales. As part of this topic we are excited to be visiting Warwick Castle (you should have received an email).

This year we have the following staff in class with the children...

Mrs Palmer - Class Teacher

Mrs Godfrey - Trainee Teacher (Mon, Tues & Wed)

Mrs Worley - Teaching Assistant/Forest School

Occasionally the children will see Mrs Morgan, Miss Thompson and Mr Thompson.

Reading...

We will begin sending home reading books next week. Please ensure that your child always brings their book and diary with them to school and that you have signed to say that you have heard them read at home. Reading books will come home on Wednesday and must be returned on the following Monday.

Phonics...

We will continue learning phonics in Year 1 using the Little Wandle scheme. The children will bring home a homework book in the next few weeks; you will be able to practice the sounds learnt during the week together at home. You are invited to our Phonics Coffee morning on 17th October at 9am to hear more about our scheme and the Phonics Screening Check. More details to follow.

The children will also be able to choose a sharing book from the school library to bring home each week. This will be changed on a Wednesday.

PE...

PE days are Tuesday and Friday. Most of our PE sessions will be held outside, therefore please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for outdoor PE lessons. The children will change for PE in school. You are welcome to leave PE at school on their pegs.

Forest School...

The children will attend Forest School on alternate Fridays. Mrs Worley is always happy to have lots of help, so if you are free please let us know. The timetable and group lists are on the classroom door.

Home time...

Please ensure that if someone other than yourself or one of your child's named adults is collecting your child, the school must be notified before home time. You can do this via a letter, email or telephone call.

Snack

Fruit is now being delivered for children in KS1 and will be available during snack time. You are welcome to send in snack from home if they would prefer.

Dates for your diary...

21st September - Jungle Book performance at school

29th September - KS1 trip to Warwick Castle

3rd October - Flu Vaccinations

6th October - INSET Day

11th October - Harvest Festival

17th October - Phonics Coffee Morning

20th October - Last day of term

If you need anything, want to ask questions or make an appointment you can catch us at the end of the day, send an email on class1@mill-lane.oxon.sch.uk or a phone call to the main office and we will get back to you as soon as possible. You are welcome to pop in after school to have a look around the classroom and chat about what we are doing during the day.

Beginning next week, I will write a weekly blog about what we are doing in class and keep you up to date with any events or changes to our timetable. You will find this page on the website under Classes/Year 1.

Many thanks,
Nicky Palmer