

Year One Newsletter

Autumn 2 2024



Welcome back to our children and their wonderful families. We hope you have had a lovely half-term break and the children have rested after such a busy, fun-filled half term. All of the children have come back settled into the Year One routines and expectations beautifully and have learnt so much already. The children continue to demonstrate such a passion for learning and have shown such resilience and enthusiasm. Thank you for your support in making the transition into Year 1 so positive. We are looking forward to another wonderful half term full of fun, laughter and learning!

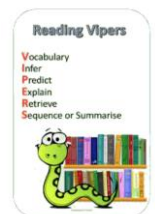


Home Learning



In Year 1, Autumn 2, home learning consists of daily reading and Purple Mash homework. As you know, you can find your child's log in details in front of your their red reading record. Please practice logging in to Purple Mash with your children to support them with their computing lessons. In addition to this, we will also set a Maths task every Friday to be completed by the following Friday. This Maths task will consolidate the learning done in school in the previous week. This can be found in the 'to-dos' section on PurpleMash.

We encourage you to hear your child read their phonics book daily, for between 10 and 15 minutes. By the end of the week your child should be a master of their book; they should be able to read with fluency and pace, which will help to develop automaticity. When you read with your child, please write what they have read and the date in their red reading record. **Please send your child's red reading record and phonics book into school every day so they are equipped for Guided Reading when it is their turn, as well as changing their book when necessary.**



To further support your child's reading, we encourage children to share stories and talk about what they have read or what has been read to them. For ideas of how to support your child's comprehension and inference skills, please see the VIPERS section on the school website.

Uniform

Now it's getting colder, please could you ensure that your child brings to school a warm winter coat. We will be going outside for our learning so please ensure coats are in school each day. You are welcome to pack hats, scarves and gloves, however, please name each item clearly. With this in mind, there has been a significant rise in the number of items being sent to lost property. Lots of these clothes are unnamed. To help support your child's independence with taking ownership over their belongings, please clearly put their name on the label of their clothes.



Toy Workshop Success

On the 23rd September, Year 1 participated in a toy workshop hosted by History Off the Page! We would like to thank you for your contributions for making this day such an incredible success. Thank you to the parent volunteers too, who without, this day would not be able to go ahead. The children enjoyed investigating hundreds of different toys – old and new - becoming archeologists and classifying their finds before ending the day by choosing several toys to



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Our Team

Here is our wonderful Year 1 team.

McKee Teachers - Mrs Kalek, Mrs Fox

HLTA – Mrs Savage

Teaching Assistants –Mrs Burman, Miss Laight



Percival Teacher - Miss Holman

Teaching Assistant – Mrs Hanson



Jeffers Teacher and Year 1 Leader – Mrs Reynolds

Teaching Assistant – Mr Gibbs



Other members of staff who work across Year 1

Miss Tatum, Mrs Truan, Mrs Dean, Miss Huish, Mr

Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th November

Odd sock day to raise awareness for anti-bullying week.

Friday 17th November

Children in need – wear spots!

Tuesday 17th December at 8:45

Year 1 Christmas performance.

Wednesday 18th December at 8:45

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More information on this performance will be given in due course, watch this space!

Thursday 19th December

Christmas jumper and party day.

Friday 20th December

Smyth, Mr Elkington

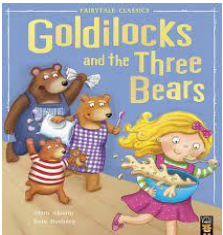


Last day of term.

Monday 6th January
Children return to school.

Year 1 Curriculum

Into our Imagination



In English, the children are learning all about traditional tales and well-known stories. The children have loved learning the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and have made porridge to help with their instruction writing. The children will read and learn many stories to support writing for different purposes and to develop their understanding of the structure of traditional tales.



In Maths, Year 1 children will continue to consolidate their understanding of place value within 10 and will delve deeper into addition and subtraction before exploring 2D and 3D shapes.



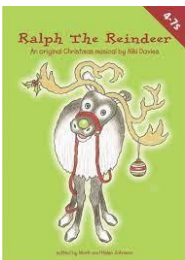
In Science, the children will be learning all about the seasons: Autumn, Winter, Spring, and Summer. We will observe the seasonal changes and take part in an autumn and winter walk. The children will look closely at our environment to see how it changes from Autumn to Winter and closely observe the weather.

In computing, the children will continue to develop their skills on Purple Mash by developing their understanding of grouping and sorting and how we can use technology to help us with this. They will finish this topic by learning how to create an animated story book using code!

In Geography, the children will be learning all human features. They will begin to understand that human features are things that are designed and built by humans. We will do this by exploring houses, shops, offices, farms and factories.



In Art, we will be studying and creating a showstopper piece inspired by Karen Lederer. The children will create a printed piece of art inspired by Karen Lederer's Untitled 30. They will learn how to use a stencil and create their very own stencils too.



In Music, the children will be developing their understanding of rhythm and pulse by learning and practicing all of the songs for our Christmas performance of Ralph the Reindeer.

In RE, the children will be learning all about Eid and Christmas which links to our topic in PSHE of celebrating differences. What an exciting term we have a head of us!

Communication

If you have a message for your child's class teacher, please see them in person or record this in your child's red book. Alternatively, you can email the Year 1 teaching team on the following email address:

year1@pr5d.com

All teachers are able to access this email address and will respond outside of teaching hours at their earliest convenience. Thank you!

Recommended Reads

The
Book
With
No
Pictures

B.J. Novak

Mrs Reynolds recommends 'The Book With No Pictures' by B.J Novak because:

"Exactly what it says on the front cover! But this book provides us with lots of laughs and is a very popular choice. The children find it hilarious and the children can't quite believe the words that the book make us teachers read!"

Mrs Kalek recommends 'Finn's Little Fibs' by Tom Percival because:

"A fantastic story book that provides an excellent opportunity to talk about honesty. It is written in a beautiful child friendly way that slowly introduces and supports children to develop their emotional health and self-confidence. In addition to this, the vibrant illustrations capture the children's imaginations beautifully. If your children like this there are 6 more in the Big Bright Feelings book collection all equal in quality. Enjoy!

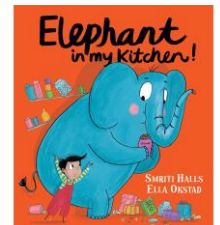


Mrs Fox recommends 'If I had a Little Dream' by Nina Laden because:

"Nina Laden's lyrical picture book sees and appreciates through a child's eyes how fortunate we are to live in the world we do. She celebrates the wonder of the world in this book about the joy, love and beauty that is part of each and every day. Our world is full of possibilities if you look for them".

Miss Holman recommends 'Elephant in my Kitchen!' by Smiriti Halls and Ella Okstad because:

"A fun, funny story book all about looking after our animals and our planet".



Working in Partnership

Thank you for all of your support. We loved seeing so many of you at our recent parent pop-in and hopefully it gave you an insight into how well the children across the cohort have settled and how they've taken their new routine in their stride! We look forward to another half-term of working together to support your wonderful children to achieve everything they have dreamed of and more!



