



Year 1 Meet the Teacher Newsletter



A big thank you to everyone who was able to make the 'Meet the Teacher' session on the 11th - we really appreciate you finding the time to come along and listen to all the ways in which you can help us further your child's education.

We understand that we gave you a lot of information and that some of you were not able to make it - don't worry, here are the main points related to each area we talked about.

Year 1 expectations

We are very impressed with how your little ones have settled in so far - they have adapted to their new teachers and classrooms very well and have already shown that they are fantastic, active learners!

During the 1st half term we will still be following a 'Reception style of learning' however, as the term goes on we will be carrying out more structured, adult led sessions and while we aim to keep the learning fun and interactive, they will be expected to sit and work as a class.

Outcomes

The outcomes are run in a similar way to Reception - we will give you a 'Home Learning' letter with all the details you need to help enrich your child's learning and will upload this to the website too.

Don't worry if you or a family member can't make the outcome - LSA's and class friends will be happy to work with them!

Phonics

All the children have such a fantastic knowledge of phonics, but we have even more to teach them about sounds and reading! We are in the process of assessing what they have remembered over the summer and which sounds to re-cover before we move onto new sounds. Keep checking our web page and class windows for updates.

Writing

When it comes to writing, the best way you can help us at the moment, is to practice handwriting with your child - we are going to try our best to display our 'weekly focus' in our windows so that we can work as a partnership in developing this important writing skill.

Independence

A big part of the transition from Reception to Year 1 is independence. We will be encouraging the children to build their independence throughout the year, but we really need your help with this too! We really take the reins off in Year 1 and expect the children to be very independent.

While it may take a little longer if you pass over responsibility, it makes all the difference to us if you get them to be responsible for their belongings, set them time limits and get them to turn their clothes the right way - imagine how long 30 would take!!

Reading

Reading is vital to your child's education and the more opportunities they have to read, the more beneficial it is for them.

We ask that you try to read with your child each day (or at least 5 out of 7) - even if only for 5 minutes and jot down how it went in their green reading record. If you want advice on the best books to buy for home - we are happy to give suggestions

Maths

While our maths library sessions have not begun yet, there is nothing stopping you have some fun while helping your child's fluency with numbers at home! Get them to help you measure/count ingredients, practice those number bonds (2+8=10 as well as 10-8=2), identify shapes when out and about, count coloured cars or count everyday objects - it all helps!