

# Welcome to Year 1



## Autumn Term

Welcome to Year 1! We are looking forward to a very busy and exciting year ahead. Here is some information about the learning that will take place this half term in Year 1 as well as some useful information. We will use Class Dojo to share any letters, notices or updates throughout the year. Please feel to contact us either via Dojo or after school in the playground if there is anything we can help with. Thank you.

## What to bring

Each day, your child will need to bring their school book bag with their reading books and diary. They will also need to make sure they have a coat, water bottle and sunhat with them if it is a warm day.

## Reading in Year 1

We continue to follow Little Wandle for our reading and phonics learning in Year 1. The children will be given a new reading book every Thursday. They will read this book in a small group on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, focussing on decoding, prosody and comprehension. Please listen to your child read this book at home. In addition to their reading book, your child will be bringing home a sharing book each week which they can read and talk about with you. Please record any reading your child does at home in their reading diary. We count the reads and reward in multiples of 25, up to 100 reads and then in 50s!



Your child will bring home a Little Wandle Phonics sheet every Friday which will tell you the sounds and tricky words we are practicing in school each week. Any extra practice with these at home will really help!

## P.E

The children will have 2 PE lessons each week. These will be on a **Monday and Wednesday**. On these days, your child can come to school in their PE kit. Please make sure that any long hair is tied back and earrings are removed on these days. As the weather becomes a little colder later in the term, navy blue joggers and a plain navy blue hoodie can also be worn.

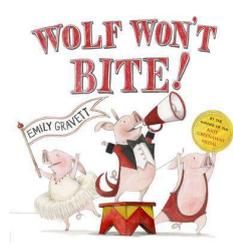
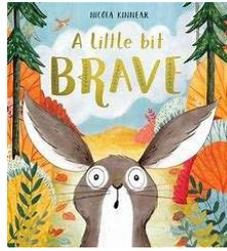
## Parent Helpers

We are always looking for parents to help us walk to Church safely. Please look out for our messages asking for help on Dojo. The first Church Service this year will be

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October. We will leave school at approximately 9.30am and return by 10.15am.

## Curriculum

Our **English** work will be based around these three texts.



We will begin the year by focusing on key skills in writing, such as practicing letter formation, working on capital letters, and learning how to construct simple sentences using full stops.

We follow the White Rose **Maths** program, and this half-term we will be revisiting and consolidating the work from Foundation, focusing on place value, and addition and subtraction within 10. The children will also continue with their "Mastering Number" sessions.

In **RE**, we will focus on Christianity and learn about the Creation Story.

Our **Science** topic is Materials, and the children will link this to their English work by naming and testing different materials for the Three Little Pigs to use in their houses. They will develop their scientific vocabulary and have opportunities to make predictions, make simple observations, and record their results.

In **Geography**, the children will learn about our school. They will be able to explain what an address is, name the four compass points, use and draw maps of familiar areas while naming key features, and use a simple key.

In **Computing**, we will focus on Internet Safety and explore what the Internet is. The children will learn how people's feelings and emotions can be affected by online content and understand the importance of being careful when posting and sharing information online. Internet safety is a topic taught regularly throughout the school in every year group, and this work is a simple introduction to the subject.

Our **Art** lessons will focus on painting, and the children will have opportunities to explore and experiment with colour. This unit will be based on using watercolours to create effects.

For **PSHE**, we use SCARF, which stands for Safety, Achievement, Resilience, and Friendship. This half-term, the children will learn about keeping safe. This includes lessons such as "Super Sleep," "Who Can Help Us?", "Good or Bad Touches?" and "Sharing Pictures."

In **Music**, we will focus on pitch and rhythm. We will also be learning lots of new songs and joining in with whole-school singing every Friday.