THE RADSTONE
Primary School

Year 1 Newsletter

The Year 1 Team

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Class Teacher: Miss Morris

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Class Teacher: Mrs Kelly

Class Teacher: Mrs Jeffery-Webb (every Friday)

Teaching Assistants:

Miss Wilding (1JM)

Mrs Aris (1HK)

Mrs Allen (1HK)

Miss Cumming (1HK)

Additional Teachers

PE: Mrs Keites

Art: Mrs Fulford

Forest School: Miss Price

Homework & Reading

Information regarding the homework your children will receive in Year 1 will be found of the home learning letter.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Autumn Term 2026! We are really looking forward to the year ahead. The children should enter the Year One outside doors. The classroom doors will be open from 8:30am so that the children can complete their morning work and prepare for registration at 8:45am. At the end of the school day, the children will exit the school from the same doors at 3:15pm. Children will be let out one at a time, please bear with us whilst we get to know you all. Please also let us know if somebody else will be collecting your child to avoid any confusion.

Unfortunately, we cannot engage in long conversations on the door, however, if you wish to speak to a member of staff then we can arrange a phone call or meeting at a convenient time. A fruit snack will continue to be provided daily, however if you would like to send your child in with a healthy snack (e.g. fruit, cheese, yoghurt etc) then please do so! This will be taken outside with them to enjoy during morning break.

Please also discourage the children from attaching very large keyrings to their bookbags as they struggle to then fit these in their drawers. Please discourage your child from bringing toys or personal items in from home.

We look forward to what we know is going to be another brilliant year at The Radstone Primary School! We are sure the children will settle into their new routine in Year One very quickly.

Many thanks

The Year One Team

Subject Overviews

English

In English we will be exploring a variety of texts and different genres as stimuli for our writing. We will begin with the story 'Not a Stick' by Antoinette Portis to inspire our writing, as well as writing poems based on fireworks. We will also spend 10 minutes a day working on our 'Fantastic Fundamentals'.
The children will continue to practice forming their letters correctly during their handwriting sessions. In addition to this the children will have a daily RWI Phonics lesson.

Maths

The children will be using the White Rose Scheme of work to support them within their Maths lessons. They will have their own Maths workbooks to record their mathematical thinking.

They will also be provided with lots of opportunities to work practically to support them to explain their answers and thinking. This term we will look in detail at our numbers to 10 as well as working on our ability to accurately solve addition and subtraction problems using the most efficient methods. We will also be exploring both 2D and 3D shapes.

Useful Dates

Monday 28th September – Tuesday 29th September
Individual / Sibling Photos

Thursday 1st October
BJS Cross Country

Thursday 8th October
Reserve BJS Cross Country Date

Wednesday 21st October
EYFS/KS1 Harvest Festival

Friday 23rd October
INSET Day - School closed to pupils

Monday 2nd November
INSET Day - School closed to pupils

Tuesday 3rd November
Children return to school
Parents Evening

Thursday 6th November
Parents Evening

Monday 23rd November
Children's Flu Immunisations

Thursday 10th December
KS1 Christmas Performances

Thursday 17th December
Brass Band Concert

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Science

In our Science lessons, the children will be exploring the seasonal changes throughout the year and focusing on Summer and Autumn. We will be going out on the hunt for signs of Autumn around the school. We will also be learning all about everyday materials and their properties.

Humanities

In Geography, the children will develop understanding about their own locality by identifying human and physical features. They will use maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK and its countries.

In History, the children will begin to explore toys, transport and clothing, which have changed and stayed the same within living memory.

PSHE / Religion and Worldviews

In our Health and Wellbeing lessons this half term we will be looking at the Golden Rules and the importance of everyone working together as a team. Children will also learn about how to be a good friend and what to do if someone isn't being a good friend to them. We will look at anti-bullying, what the word 'bullying' means.

Within Religion and Worldviews, we will be exploring How people know how to treat each other, and what Christians believe God is like.

PE / Forest School

The children will be outside improving their fundamental movement skills and developing more control and consistency with their movements. We will be working on agility, balance and coordination through a variety of different movements and activities. After half term the children will also focus on pirates as a theme within their Dance sessions.

Year One will be taking part in Forest School every Wednesday. Forest School will provide everyone with the opportunity to learn through hands-on experiences that encourage curiosity, creativity and problem solving.

The Arts

In Art and Design, the children will be developing their drawing skills by exploring mark making and different types of line. They will be 'taking a line for a walk' using a variety of different drawing resources. We will be exploring the artist Vincent Van Gogh and discussing what we think about his work. Inspired by his paintings, we will be developing our painting skills by creating our own large scale, collaborative work.

Reminders

- If you haven't done so already, please ensure your children's belongings are all named.
- We will take the children outside as often as possible, so please ensure they have a coat every day.
- Please ensure that your child's reading book and reading record is in school every day so that they can use this book for their own independent reading.

Be The Best You Can Be