



September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Welcome back to school and to Year 1. Here is some information that we hope will be helpful and an overview of the plans for the next term. Class 1S will be taught by Miss Smith Monday to Thursday, and Miss Bell on Friday, and supported by Mrs Tank. Class 1D will be taught by Miss Dredge and supported by Mrs Wallace.

Please ensure your child has their book bag and a labelled water bottle in school every day. At school your child will read the same Little Wandle phonics book three times a week in a reading practice group; they will take this book home at the end of the week. Please read this book with your child every day to further secure their fluency and understanding. We will send home rainbow words for you to practise reading and spelling at home. We will also send home weekly our phonics learning, and practising this at home will also help consolidate your child's learning.

Your child will receive their reading diary today. In it you will find all the information about reading at home. If any parents, or grandparents, are available during the week to come in and listen to children read for an hour or two we would really appreciate it. Please let your class teacher know if you are available.

P.E.

P.E. is on **Tuesdays and Fridays** for both classes. Please send your child wearing their P.E. kit every **Tuesday and Friday**. They will wear this all day and will go home in it. Children can wear trainers or plimsolls, navy shorts/ tracksuits bottoms or leggings, plain white t- shirt and a navy hoodie/sports jacket. The class teacher will need a letter if your child is unable to participate in P.E. **Please also label all items of clothing, especially jumpers and cardigans.**

Forest School sessions

All children in year one will have the opportunity to take part in outdoor learning on **Friday afternoons with Forest School teacher Miss Bell this year. 1S will have these sessions during the first half term up until the October half term holiday and 1D will take part in the sessions after October half term.** The sessions will take place in the wild garden at school and will continue throughout the year alternating between the classes half termly. **On Fridays, children need to have weather appropriate coats and wellies to change into if it is wet.** If they have waterproof trousers they can bring those too. The sessions are designed to encourage independence, resilience, teamwork, a respect for nature and help to build self-esteem. In the sessions, children will play games, carry out team challenges,

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complete self-initiated tasks, use tools safely, be involved in campfire activities and more.

Curriculum

This half term, our topic learning will be based around the history of Robin Hood and Nottingham. We will focus on learning about our local community, Nottingham, and London. We will be looking at maps. We will learn about significant figures, places and events in Nottingham's history. We still have continuous provision (Discovery Time) within our classrooms to allow the children to embed and build upon the skills they learnt in F2.

Cross Curricular

Literacy	Captions and labels, sentence writing, letter formation, storytelling and poems. Focussing on applying phonics knowledge and using finger spaces, full stops and capital letters.
Maths	Number fluency, Place value to 20, counting in 2s, number bonds, numeral formation.
Science	The season of autumn, plants
Geography	Map making, map symbols, using atlases and globes. Sherwood, Nottingham and London.
History	Black History Month, Robin Hood, Nottingham Castle, Sherwood Forest, Goose Fair
P.S.H.E.	Being me
RE	Celebrations and community
Art &	Observational drawing and introducing sketchbooks
DT	Designing, making and evaluating homes using joining techniques.
P.E.	Movement and ball skills
Forest School	Games, using tools outdoors and campfire activities

We are really looking forward to an exciting year with your children and we are so proud of how they are settling into year one so far. If you have any questions about life in year one or specifically to do with your child's learning, please don't hesitate to ask us.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1 Team