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Welcome to
Year 1!
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Hello current Receptions, we are the Year 1 team! Our class is called “Mars Class”. I am really looking forward to getting to know you all in September. We will be working together so that we all have a very exciting and productive year. I hope that you will all enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 1 has to offer! Our first topic in Year 1 is “Heroes”.



Transition from Reception to Year 1

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day, and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners.

Reading in Year 1...

We revisit the Jolly Phonics that they learnt in Reception and then move onto letters and sounds to promote early reading skills.

Your child will be given an appropriate reading book to read with you at home. The children will also have lots of opportunities to read and enjoy books throughout the week at school.



Walking Bear

Every Friday one child will be chosen to receive “The Good Friend” award. This will be based on demonstrating kind and caring behaviour. This child will be responsible for bringing home our class “Walking bear” and a diary for the weekend. They will be asked to take the teddy on their adventures over the weekend and record what they do in the diary. If your child is not yet able to do this it is perfectly acceptable for you to write in the diary on your child’s behalf. Please return this to school on **Monday** so your child can show and share their weekend news with the class.

General Reminders...

- Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform (please see the school website for information).
- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled. We encourage children to practise getting dressed at home to help them get changed quickly in school!
- Only water for snack and lunch time please. Fruit will be provided.
- Please arrive to school by 8.40am, ready to start at 8.50am.
- We love to see photos or hear about their adventures outside school so please email them to me at:

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