

Year 1 Parents Talk

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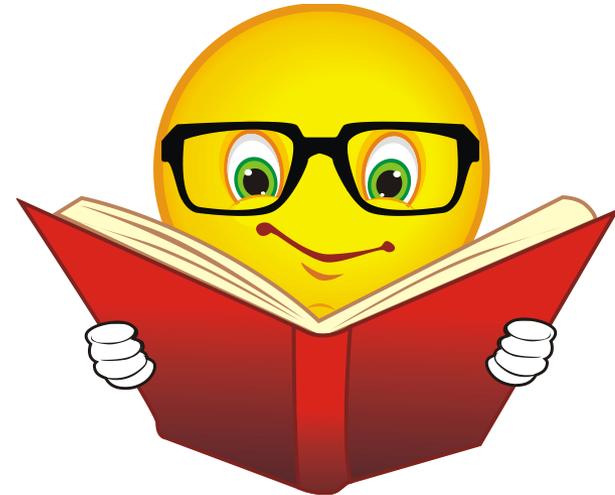
Thank you for taking time out of your day to see what Year 1 is all about.

What is Year One about?

- This meeting hopefully will guide you through the year and highlight any areas that you are unsure of.
- If you have any questions that crop up through this meeting please feel free to heckle or if you feel happier to wait to the end then that is fine with us.

What we will cover...

- How Year One works
- Homework
- Writing
- Reading
- Maths



HOW THE CREATIVE CURRICULUM WORKS



- 3 topics throughout the year - How to find gold, Roll up Roll up and My Square mile - linked to our 20 year anniversary.
- Within these topics we cover all the National Curriculum subjects - obviously English and maths, but we also try and link this to all the other subjects where possible so that the children's learning is seamless. History, Geography, Music, PE, DT, Art, Science, Computing, PSHCE and RE
- We plan interesting and creative ways to enthuse and encourage the children to engage with their learning
- At Parents evening you will receive information on your child's next steps.

Homework



- Homework is given out weekly
- Your child will have 1 book that will have weekly phonics, mental maths and words to learn to spell. These will be Common Exception words which need to be read on sight and spelt without decoding. On a Thursday we have a spelling Quiz which checks your child's recall of spelling these words.
- This book will need to be in school on a Thursday and back to you on a Friday.

Phonics

- Every child works at their own pace with understanding of how our complicated writing system works
- Assessment
- Understanding of the rules and alternative sounds for the same letters
- We teach to the child not to the age!
- Support at home
- Summer Assessment - phonics check

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Writing



- Key texts- cross curricular.
- Looking at capital letters, fingers spaces, full stops.
- We encourage the use of adjectives (describing words) and exciting verbs (doing words).
- We spend a lot of time supporting our reading and writing with our phonics work.
- The encouragement of writing - Using phonics - might not always be the right spelling but, at this stage of their development we encourage all writing.
- We are continuing running 'Write Dance and Dough Disco' which encourages movement, control and strength of fine motor skills which promotes good handwriting.
- Please do not be alarmed if your child reverses some of their letters
- We encourage higher vocabulary and support children to start using more creative words in their speech as well as their writing.
- Writing Targets

Reading



- Read for pleasure
- Reading diaries - what they have read how they got on!
- Please, please, try and read everyday
- Colour bands - how we use the books and the progression of the book boxes.
- Changing of books - independence - sometimes it goes wrong
- We aim to read with your child fortnightly.

Maths

- Children's understanding
- Building blocks - scaffolding
- Pace
- Until their understanding of the basics are there - there is no point moving onto the next stage as the further the year groups move on they really need the basics solidly in place to be able to do the more complicated stuff



Maths

- We are having more whole class learning which will mean a little less self selection. There is a teacher focus group, a TA focus group and independent tasks for others.
- These groups are very flexible and monitored very closely so that is always changing within the groups - movement.



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Transition and TIME

- Transition from Reception to Year One can be tricky for some children but for most it comes quite naturally. A lot of systems are carried over and slowly we introduce the KS1 curriculum. Play = work.
- If any of you have any time to spend helping out in any classroom it is always such a benefit to have parents in school - you could be asked to support a group, hear readers or carry out some vital administration tasks.

Questions???

- Thank you again for coming in and seeing what we have planned for your child this year - knowledge is key!
- Our doors are always open so please come and see us if you have any problems big or small. A happy child learns best!
- Happy parent = happy child

