

Welcome to Year 1

Welcome to Year One! What an exciting week we have had. We are very proud of the way in which 1H and 1N have settled into the new routines of Year 1.

In a morning, the school gates open at 08:40 and the children are provided with morning work until 08.50. This additional learning time is valuable in addressing misconceptions and revising key concepts within the curriculum so a prompt arrival at school is helpful for your child. The school bell rings at 08:50 and the register is taken at 08:50. If your child is not in the classroom by this time, they are marked as late. If your child is too ill to attend school on a particular day, please email the school office or leave a voice mail by 09:30am so that this can be recorded. If your child's attendance or punctuality becomes a concern, a member of the senior leadership team will be in touch to discuss it further.

Attending school, on time, every day is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience. This includes your child's attainment and wellbeing. Research has found that the pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 (year 6) have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment. At Woodhouse, we aspire to high standards of attendance and punctuality for all pupils.

1H will have indoor PE on **Thursdays** and outdoor PE on **Fridays**. 1N will have indoor PE on **Tuesdays** and outdoor PE on **Fridays**. For indoor PE, the children will need a plain white T-shirt, blue shorts and black pumps. For outdoor PE, they will need a plain dark coloured track suit and a pair of trainers.

Swimming will take place on a Monday afternoon. To begin with, **1H** will swim on Monday 18th September and **1N** will swim on Monday 25th September. From the 2nd of October onwards, both classes will swim each Monday afternoon. Mrs Sutcliffe is the Year 1 swimming teacher. On swimming days, the children will need swimming shorts/trunks/costume and a towel. Children with long hair will need a swimming hat. Armbands are not needed, as school provides them. Please could we request that all items of clothing and PE/swimming kits are clearly labelled with your child's name, in order to ensure that lost items can be returned. On swimming days, girls often find it easier to wear socks, rather than tights. If your child has a verruca, they will not be allowed to swim unless they bring a verruca sock to wear. If your child wears earrings, they must be removed for swimming. School staff are not allowed to remove a child's earrings so please do this at home before school.

On a Friday, we will send each child home with their 'Home Learning' folders. This is the system we use in Year 1 for homework. New Home Learning will be sent out at the end of the week and once returned checked by a school adult the following week. We recommend that you take the time to help your child complete as much of it as they can, as it helps to consolidate what has been taught in class. The Word Box part of the Home Learning sheet is similar to the Reception word lists; your child needs to be able to read each word. If they find this very easy, please encourage them to practise spelling the words too. The spellings in the Home Learning folder will be tested every week, both classes will be tested on a **Friday**.

Each Monday, your child will be given a reading book from the Little Wandle Scheme. In order to ensure confidence, fluency and comprehension are well established, it is important this book is read at home daily. Your child's reading book must be brought to school every day, to enable them to read their book as part of the group reading sessions. At Woodhouse, we encourage all pupils to be reading at home for pleasure as well as the school's reading books.

The Home/School link books (Orange) will continue to be used in Y1 for any messages. However, if you need to share an urgent message that needs to be passed onto your child's teacher at the start of the school day, please phone and leave a message with the school office.

Many Thanks

The Year One team:

Miss Hepworth 1H Class Teacher, Miss Nicholson 1N Class Teacher

Mrs Rothwell- Teaches in Year 1 throughout the week

Mrs Green, Miss Holdsworth and Miss McSparran (Year 1 teaching assistants)