



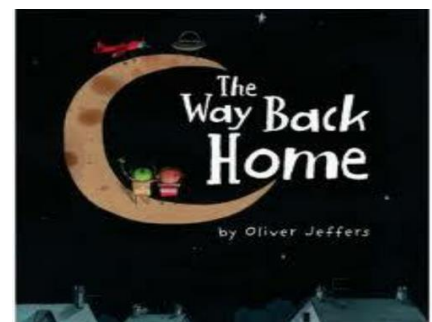
We would like to welcome all children and parents to Year 1.

The staff in Year One are Mrs Kitwood and Miss Ickringill (class teachers) and Mrs Carter who is our teaching assistant every morning. Mrs Castle, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Duck are support assistants in the classes.

So far, this term your child has spent time getting to know the rules and routines in Year 1.

### Our Topics This Half term

This half term our topic is space, based on the books 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon and 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers. The story is about a boy who travels to space and lots of our learning will be related to imaginary adventures, planets and aliens.



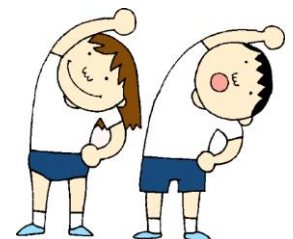
We will be making model aliens in DT and teach our visiting alien about ourselves, our school and our local environment.

In **Science** and **PSCHE** we will be learning about our bodies, senses and keeping ourselves healthy and safe. We will also learn about what happens in Autumn.

In **Mathematics**, we will be focusing on counting forwards and backwards to ten, finding one more and one less then moving onto addition and subtraction facts to 10.

In **English**, we will be starting to follow the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Phonics scheme. Phonics is taught daily and is followed up with guided reading three times a week. Children will be encouraged to use their phonics to write independently developing sentence structure and punctuation. They will also be learning how to spell Year 1 key words and tricky words.

This year we will do PE twice a week and our lessons will usually be outside. PE kit will need to be kept in school all half term. You may wish to provide your child with tracksuit bottoms or a sweater for the colder weather. This term we are going to learn some ball skills and start to play some net and wall games.





It is also useful for your child to have a pair of wellington boots available to bring to school as we will learn on the school field throughout the year.

### How Can You Help?



Please encourage your child to be independent by letting them carry their own belongings and encourage them come into school each morning by themselves.

Talk to your child about what they have learnt at school today and encourage them to be enthusiastic about learning.

### Home Learning

Reading is extremely important in Year 1. Your child will bring home a reading book each week. This book has already been shared with an adult in class three times during guided reading focussing on decoding, reading with expression and comprehension skills. Your child should be very familiar with the book and be able to read it fluently. Sharing this book at home is allowing your child to 'Show off' their reading which will build their confidence. All children will also bring home a book from the class bookshelf for you to share with them for pleasure. This is for you to read to your child and discuss what is happening. The intention is that children get to enjoy a variety of books and develop their vocabulary and story language.

Homework will usually be set every Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday. Included each week may be phonics, maths or some learning linked to our topics. Some home learning is set on Purple Mash, our online learning platform. More information will follow. If your child doesn't have access to the internet, please let us know so we can provide alternative tasks.

Mrs Emma Kitwood and Miss Mica Ickringill