

# Welcome to Year 1 'Meet the Team'

2025

The classes in Year 1 are...

- Woodpeckers
- Nuthatches

# The teaching staff

- Woodpeckers - Ms Gardiner and Miss Froud. Mondays this term Mrs Sturgeon
- Nuthatches – Mrs Robson and Mrs Glover
- In addition we have Miss Bess who works with groups of children from both classes.



# Daily Needs in Year 1

Every day your child needs to bring in (labelled with their name) :

- A book bag with their reading book and reading record in.
- A bottle of drinking water.
- A lunch box if your child is not having a free school lunch. Please avoid sending your child to school with anything nut related - this includes peanut butter and Nutella.
- Free fruit is provided for all children in KS1, however if you prefer to send in your own healthy snack this should be fruit or vegetables.
- A sensible coat if it is raining or cold.

# Uniform and PE kit.



- PLEASE ensure that your child comes to school wearing the required uniform and that all items are clearly named.
- Our PE days this term are Tuesday and Thursday.
- Children should come to school on those days wearing their school PE kit.
- Children may need sweatshirts and jogging trousers for outdoor PE in the colder weather.
- If your child has pierced ears the earrings will need to be covered (with tape) at home or preferably removed on PE days.
- If your child has long hair please can you make sure it is tied back tidily.

# Phonics

In Year 1 Phonics is taught daily in whole class sessions and some children may be taught in intervention groups to help them catch up.

This year we are introducing a new scheme 'Little Wandle Phonics' and your child's reading book will match the sounds they have learned.

On Thursdays your child will bring home a phonics folder with the sounds we are learning each week for you to practise at home. This folder should be returned the following Tuesday along with your child's reading book and reading record.

# Reading scheme books

We will hear your child read their reading scheme book Tues, Weds & Thurs in school. Then the book they are reading in school will come home for them to show off their skills and you to listen to them read.

The words in the back of your reading records are the 'tricky words' children in Year 1 should be able to read by sight. As soon as they are able to read them by sight we will give you the next set.

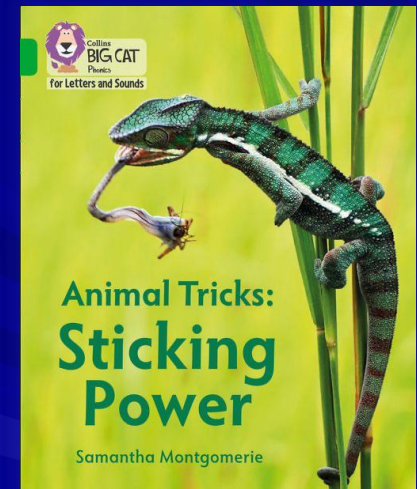
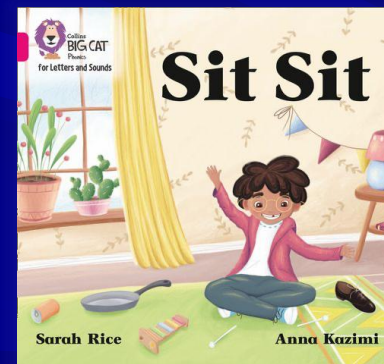
All reading scheme books should be returned to school by the following Tuesday, when we will begin working on the next reading book.

Please be patient about your child's reading level remember we are just getting to know your children and may get it wrong. Just pop a note in the reading record if the book is too hard. The children should be able to read this book independently with little or no help as they have read it to us 3x. Our aim is fluency and automaticity.

# In short -How do we teach reading in books?

## Reading practice sessions are:

- timetabled three times a week
- taught by a trained teacher/teaching assistant
- taught in small groups.



# Other Reading

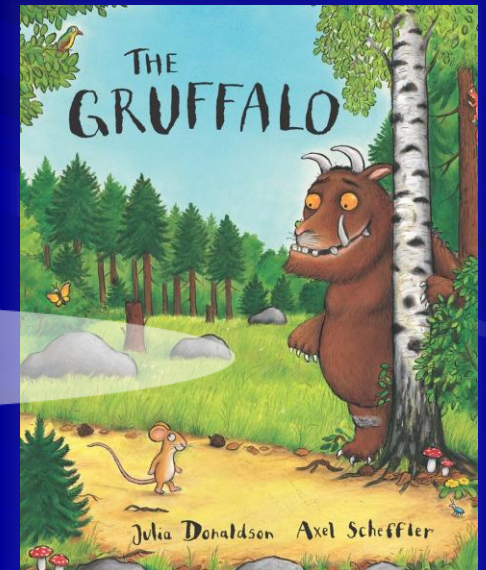
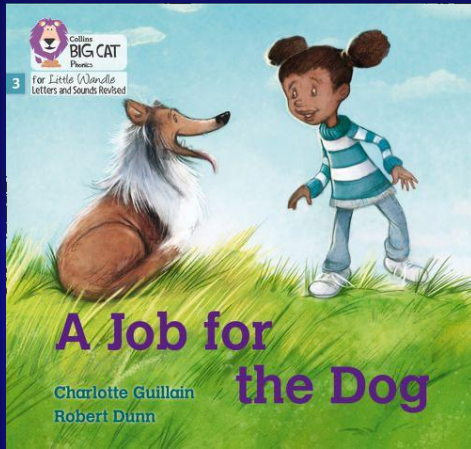


We cannot stress enough the importance of reading both with your child and to your child at home.

- Children in Year 1, like reception, will bring home 'real books' to share with you. We don't expect the children to be able to read these independently.
- In Year 1 we also visit the school library on Thursday, and your child will bring home a library book.

Sharing books and library books should be returned on Thursdays.

# Books going home



# Homework

Your child should have brought home their first Year 1 home learning Bingo last Thursday.

Children will be expected to choose 3 interesting activities out of 6 different home learning tasks, on their home learning 'bingo'. These can be completed when it is convenient for you during the half term.

There is also a maths focus *for each half term* which all children should complete.

Once completed, homework can be handed in on any Friday throughout the half term, when the children will be given the opportunity to do a homework 'show and tell'.

# Additional information

Please make yourself familiar with the following documents, which have been uploaded to the school website to support this presentation:

- End of Year Expectations.
- KS1 Reading List.
- High frequency and common exception spellings.
- The Calculation Policy

# Tissues!

- It's that time of year again when children catch coughs and colds.
- In school we do not purchase tissues (sadly paper towels are the only option) so we would welcome any donations of tissues in our classrooms.

# And finally.....

We want your child to feel safe, secure and happy in school. Obviously external factors can affect your child's learning and behaviour.

If there are any problems or changes in circumstances please come and tell us. This will be kept confidential and will help us to support your child through a difficult time.

