

Year 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! Your children have made a fantastic start to the year and we have really enjoyed meeting them. It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces and children filled with enthusiasm for their learning.

Each half term we will be looking at a different book and we will link many of the subjects to that book. This half term we will be reading and exploring Owl Babies by Martin Waddell and hope that the children will enjoy this book.

Overleaf, you will see how the subjects are linked to the book theme your child will be experiencing and the links that have been made.

Staff Working With Your Child:

These are the teachers and other adults who might be working with your child this year:

Class	Teachers	Other Adults
Seahorse	Ms Sharma	Miss Ihsan
Turtle	Miss Rahaman	Miss Raja
Dolphin	Mrs Robbins	Mrs Monroe

Other adults may also work with your child to support their learning.

Reminders:

- As always, good attendance and punctuality is essential to maintain good progress.
- PE lessons are on **Monday afternoons and Friday Mornings**. Please can your child bring in their PE kit as they will be changing in class. Please ensure that long hair is tied back and earrings are either taken out or taped over.
- Please make sure that **all items of uniform** are **clearly labelled** so that if items get lost, they can be easily returned.

Homework:

- We expect all Year 1 children to read at home **every day**. We will monitor your child's reading record to ensure they are reading at home and that the reading record is being signed by an adult.
- There will be logins in your child's reading record to access a variety of sites including Numbots where your child will have the opportunity to practise addition and subtraction.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to know more information about this term's learning and how to support your child, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the day, where they will be more than happy to help.

We look forward to working with you and thank you for your continued support.

The Year 1 Team

### English- Owl Babies

Our English work will be based around the book, Owl Babies. The pupils will be focussing on the structure of the text, sequencing and developing their understanding of characters. Alongside reading we will be learning phonics and basic punctuation.

Every day children will be listening to, responding to and reading a variety of texts.

**Computing** – In computing the children will be learning how to use a program called Purple Mash. They will be developing independence using technology.

### Geography- What is it like where we live?

In Geography the children will be investigating our local area. They will be looking at key places of interest in our area and exploring maps. They will be creating simple plans and maps of journeys using symbols.

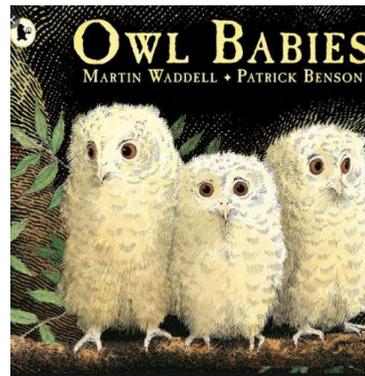
### Art & DT – Night Sky

Art will be exciting this term as the children will be developing brush skills, experimenting with paint and exploring colour. They will also learn about famous paintings that feature the sky.

### Maths

This half term the children will be securing what they learnt in Reception. They will be practising reading numbers and representing numbers using pictures and objects. They will also look at the properties of shape.

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### PSHE

This term the children will be learning about their rights and responsibilities as a member of the class. They will also help to create a safe and positive learning environment.

### Science –Plants and Animals

In science the children will be exploring their local environment collecting and observing wildlife. They will be learning to identify and classify common plants and animals, acting and thinking like real scientists using magnifying glasses, microscopes and identification charts.

**RE** – What do Christians believe God is like? In RE the children will be discussing images of God in the Christian faith.

**PE** – Pupils will develop their fundamental skills to improve coordination and control. As well as dance they will be practising a variety of ball skills and learning playground games.

### Music- Hey You

The children will be listening and responding to music. They will be learning a variety of songs by different artists and creating their own.

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