



Year 1 Bulletin

Autumn Term 2024

Class Teachers:

Mrs Rank & Mrs Young

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Caldwell

Mrs Marghella, Miss Mackey, Mrs Parke

Key Stage 1 Leader: Mrs Young

A Message from Mrs Rank and Mrs Young

We hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and are ready for the new academic year. We are really looking forward to getting to know you all, beginning our learning journey together and having lots of fun along the way. We hope you find this bulletin useful so you can talk to your child about their learning.

Reading Books

Children will bring home a school reading book to read at home. Please spend **10 minutes** each day to listen to your child read, ask questions about the book and model reading the book to them. Please record this in the reading diary and read the comments by staff that have listened to your child read in school. We will then help the children change their book. Reading for pleasure is a big focus in school and will help the children achieve in so many other areas. An adult will listen to your child read once every two weeks. Over the first few weeks we shall be assessing the children's reading abilities so please bare with us.

PE Days

Hedgehogs and squirrels will have PE on a **Tuesday and Thursday**. Please send your children to school wearing their PE kit. A school branded house t-shirt or a plain navy t-shirt, black or navy shorts (on colder days jogging bottoms), trainers and a navy or black jumper.

Clothing and water bottles

Please remember to **label** your child's clothing, especially jumpers. Please can the children bring in a water bottle also named. This will be sent home daily.

End of Day Collection Procedures

Please collect your child at 3.10pm from the KS1 playground by the sails. We will walk the children onto the playground and then dismiss and hand over the children to you. Please bear with us as we learn to recognise you all!

Our Topic

Our topics this term will be 'Amazing me' and 'Animals'. In science, we are learning about parts of the body and the five senses. In geography, we will be learning about our local area and focusing on Shrewsbury and the River Severn. In PE we will be doing gymnastics, learning certain positions and movements in the hall. In art we will be learning the skills to draw and sketch so we can create amazing self portraits.

Support at Home

Please listen to your children read on a daily basis. As well as regular reading, please help your child with their number recognition and knowledge of number bonds to 10 and 20. Please come and see us if you have any questions.

Woodland Work

This term, Hedgehogs and Squirrels will be taking it in turns to have woodland work. Hedgehogs will begin woodland work in the first half term and this will take place on Thursdays. For woodland work, we ask that children come to school in their PE kits. Please remember to bring in wellies in a named bag and also to bring a waterproof coat. The children can then change their footwear after the session. The wellies can remain in school. Waterproof trousers would be beneficial. We will begin these sessions on **Thursday 12th September**. Squirrels will have their sessions after half term.

Music

In the first half term, Mrs Porrett will be teaching music each week on a Tuesday. The children will be learning to play the ukulele. These lessons are very engaging and thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

Contact Us

If you would like to talk to us about your child, please come and see us on the playground at the end of the day or leave a message via our TAs in the morning or at the school office. We will get back to you as soon as we can.