



Welcome to Year 1!



We hope you have had a lovely summer and are feeling all set for your child's second year at Fynamore. Welcome to Year 1! As Year One teachers we are looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that the next year is both exciting and productive. We hope that you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 1 has to offer!

Transition from Reception to Year 1

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day, and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners. Please don't hesitate to come and speak to your class teacher after school if you have any questions or queries.

Our Topic

Our first topic in Year One is '**Get Out of My Swamp!**' which is based upon traditional tales and fairy tale characters. We will be exploring these elements across the curriculum.

On Friday, 21st September, we will be having a fairy tale/story character dress up day where children will have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite fairy tale/book character. This could be a fairy, princess, knight, pirate etc. For inspiration, you may wish to look up the main characters in Shrek.



Parent Helpers

If you have an up to date DBS clearance form and would like to volunteer to help with reading or group activities then please let us know. Thank you to those parents that have already volunteered their time, we will contact you once the children have settled into their new routines.

Show and Tell

This term's Show and Tell theme is 'traditional tales', linked to our topic of 'Get Out of My Swamp!' Your child may bring an item linked to traditional tales. This could be a picture, costume, toy or object which they would like to discuss with the class. If your child would like to do show and tell then a sign-up sheet will be on the door. Items can be kept in their drawer or on their peg.





PE Kit

This term, your child has the exciting opportunity to learn many skills within circle games. Due to the nature of these games, we will be asking that your child has suitable outdoor PE clothing.

Their outdoor PE kits can be made up of clothes already available at home. This should include a white t-shirt (the same shirt as for indoor PE kit is fine), long jogging/legging bottoms, spare socks, a warm jumper, hoodie or zip up jacket and trainers (in any colour). Please be aware that if trainers are not provided, your child will be requested to do PE using their school shoes as these have a better grip than daps. Children can find it useful for their indoor and outdoor PE kits to be in separate bags to help them to not get confused between their kits but this is not essential.

Please ensure your child's PE kit is **named** on every item to ensure its safe return.



Homework

Homework in Year One is made up of lots of little tasks that will help develop your child's confidence and skills, particularly in the core subjects of English and Maths.

In total, Year One children should be spending about 15 minutes each day on homework activities, but it doesn't all have to be sitting down... you can be as creative as you like!

- **Reading** – children should be reading to an adult, at home, regularly (at least 5 times a week) and completing the task for that week in the box in the reading diary.
- **Keywords** – Extended lists of keywords will be sent home at the beginning of each term as relevant to your child. Children should aim to learn 4-6 new words a week from their list. Certificates will be given out at the end of each term in a special celebration morning.
- **Phonics** – Please review the sounds covered in Reception. We will begin sending home words linked to their work in phonics for you to practice with your child.
- **Maths** – As a school we are continuing the approach to Maths which focuses on mastering full understanding of a range of concepts. Each week in school, your child has been reviewing and applying their learning in different ways. They are encouraged to use their verbal reasoning skills to explain how they have answered questions. Therefore each week there will be a task set on My Maths.

Maths homework will begin later in the year and further details will follow.

General Reminders...

- **Both Year 1 classes** will be doing PE on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Homework is sent home on a Friday and should be returned/completed by the following **Wednesday**.