

Year 1 Newsletter September 2023



Welcome back! Remember to check our school website and Class Dojo for regular updates. www.greatwoodcommunityprimary.co.uk

Year 1 team

This year, the Year 1 team consists of: Miss Potter—Class Teacher— All day Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Mr Finch—Class Teacher—Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday and Friday. Miss Adams will be with Year 1 every morning to support the children with their learning.

Curriculum

The first few weeks will be getting to know the children, making sure they feel safe and confident in our environment and getting used to our indoor and outdoor areas. Our topic is All about Me. The children will be learning all about themselves including the different parts of their body, what the senses are and how to keep themselves healthy and happy. We will be talking about our families and also thinking about what life was like in the past.

It would be great if you could provide a photo of your child as a baby and also any family photos which show how things were different in the past—grandparents may be the best to ask! For example, clothing, transport, electrical equipment, toys etc. **Please only send copies, not originals!**

English work will focus on developing sentence writing through looking at stories with familiar settings.

In Maths we will be working on number knowledge and place value and doing addition and subtraction calculations.

PE will take place on a Thursday. In addition to this, the children will use the mile track daily and have access to the outdoor area.

Reading books

All children should now have a reading book. This may be a different colour band than they had in reception, please do not worry! Our aim initially is to develop their confidence and fluency after the break and this will be reviewed regularly. It is really important to try and read with your child at home. Remember, you do not just have to read the school book at home—any book is fine!

Clothing

Please ensure all of your child's belongings are named. As we will be using our outdoor area, children will need a water proof coat (with a hood) and suitable shoes that can be cleaned easily if they become muddy.

Spellings

We will not be starting spellings straight away. We will let you know via Dojo when we will begin these.

Outdoor area

We are currently looking at developing the Year 1 outdoor area further. This will ensure that the children are able to use this every morning. We are currently looking for any of the resources below to enhance what we already have. We have a small number of wellies ready for the Autumn weather!



