



Year 1 Newsletter



Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another school year; we hope you have all had a wonderful summer break. The children all appear to have enjoyed their first few days and are beginning to settle well into their new classes and routines. Please can you ensure that all uniform, drink bottles and lunchboxes are clearly labelled with their name.

If at any time during the year you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or the Deputy Headteacher rwargen@lps.hereford.sch.uk. Please check our year group pages on the school website for important information, letters and photographs.

What is Year 1 like?

Year 1 is an exciting year of growth, discovery and increasing independence. Children build on the skills and confidence they developed in Reception as they take on new challenges and become more independent learners.

Although learning in Year 1 becomes more structured, play continues to be an important part of the school day. Children learn through exploring, investigating, creating and making choices, both independently and with their friends.

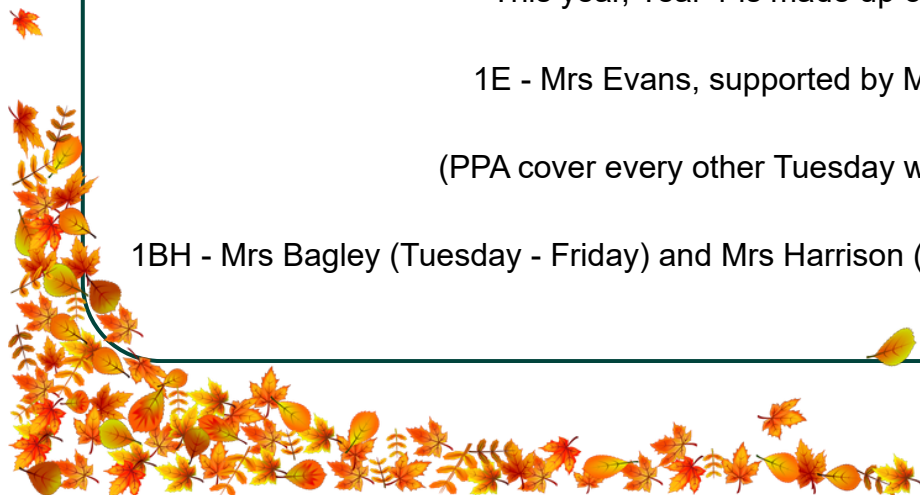
Who is who?

This year, Year 1 is made up of 2 classes.

1E - Mrs Evans, supported by Mrs Robinson

(PPA cover every other Tuesday will be Mrs Elliot)

1BH - Mrs Bagley (Tuesday - Friday) and Mrs Harrison (Monday), supported by Miss Burrows



Curriculum

English: This term, we have a transcription focus and will be looking at forming letters correctly and using our phonics when writing. In particular, we will be looking at writing lists, labels and captions.

Maths: In maths, we will be exploring place value (to 20), addition and subtraction (within 10), and 2D and 3D shapes.

Science: Our topic for this term is animals including humans. We will also be looking at seasonal changes with a focus on autumn and winter.

Topic: Our topic focus is a geography focus all about weather. The children will be exploring the topic question "is the weather always wonderful?"

R.E: Our R.E focus is all about Christianity and exploring who Christians say made the world.

P.E: In P.E, we will be focusing on gymnastics.

PSHE: In PSHE, we will be looking "being me in my world."

Computing: In computing, we are exploring all the ways we can keep safe online in e-safety.

PE Days

1E - P.E on a Monday

1BH - P.E on a Monday

New PE Procedure:

From now on, children must come to school wearing their PE kit on their designated PE day(s). This will help maximise learning time and ensure children are ready to take part in their PE lessons.



Homework

Your child's main form of homework in Year 1 is reading.

It is extremely important that you listen to your child read and ask them questions about what they have read including predicting what may happen in the text. Please read with your child as often as possible, ideally every day. Children also love to hear their parents and carers read and this helps them to become expressive, fluent readers so please take time to read to your child throughout the week - maybe a bedtime story!

Children will come home with a new reading book every Monday and Friday.

In Year 1 we spend time focusing on correct letter formation in our handwriting sessions so please also work on this at home.

Key dates

Monday 28th September - Years 1, 2 and 3 Parent reading workshop

Thursday 1st October- School photos

WC Monday 19th October - Parents evening week

Friday 23rd October - Non-uniform in exchange for donation of £1 or bingo prize

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October Half term

Monday 2nd November - Children return to school

Friday 27th November - Flu vaccines

Thursday 3rd December - Year 2 and 3 Winter crafts in the hall (parents invited)

Friday 18th December - End of term

Tuesday 5th January 2027 - Spring term starts

