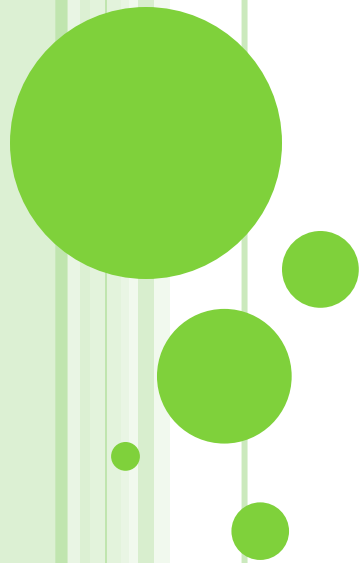


Welcome to Year 1

Robin Class



WHO IS WHO?

- Year 1 Class Teacher: Mrs Allen
- Year 1 Teaching Assistants:
Mrs Friend (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri) Mornings
Mrs Fisher (Monday first ½ of the afternoon & Tuesday first ½ of the afternoon)
- Year 1 PPA Teacher (Thursday morning):
Mrs Ekoku
- Mrs Fisher (1/2 hour right after lunch on a Monday)

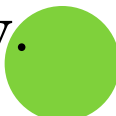


HOW DOES YEAR 1 DIFFER FROM THE FOUNDATION STAGE

- First year of the New National Curriculum
- Learning is more structured
- Developing independence and confidence through the curriculum



READING

- Reading is more than just decoding text.
 - Children need to develop good reading skills to understand what they have read.
 - To help the children develop these skills, they will sometimes be asked to read the same book twice.
 - Please listen to your child reading daily and record this in their yellow reading record.
 - We will check and change reading books daily.
 - Please ask your child questions about the text they have read and get them to ask questions as well.
 - It is also really important to read to your child, as this helps to expand their understanding and vocabulary.
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PHONICS

- Year 1 will be doing phonics daily, so please ask your child what sound/sounds we are covering this week.
- We are working towards the phonics screening check in June.
- In 3 weeks time you will receive 8 spellings for your child to learn that week which are related to the phonics we are covering. These will come home on a Friday and it is up to you how you learn them. The spelling test will be on the following Friday.
- The book will need to be back on a Friday ready for us to put their new spellings in and to write their score of that days spelling test.



WRITING

- Writing in Year 1 will develop their independence, confidence and give them the opportunity to use their phonic knowledge.
- We will be working inline with the curriculum to improve their creative writing as well as their grammatical knowledge. Handwriting will be taught weekly as well.
- Every other week there will be a piece of English homework sent home to continue to work on these skills. Please can you allow them to spend around 20 minutes on this homework.
- Homework will be given out on a Friday to be returned by the following Friday please.



MATHS

- What is covered in maths:
 - Number: addition, subtraction, place value and multiplication
 - Fractions ($\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$)
 - Money
 - Shape (2D and 3D)
 - Position and movement
 - Measures (length, weight, capacity and time)



SUPPORTING IN MATHS

- Maths homework will be alternated with the English homework. Again please spend 20 minutes on the homework. It is given out on a Friday to be returned the following Friday.
- Additionally to the set homework, all of the following will help your child's math develop:
 - * Talk about the size of objects (bigger, taller, shorter)
 - * Get them involved with cooking (heavier, lighter)
 - * Look at the calendar, talk about days, months
 - * Ask them the time (o'clock and half past)
 - * Get them to use money in real life situations
- Mathletics. Your child's log in will be stuck in the front of their yellow reading records.



OTHER SUBJECTS

Please look at the Year 1 yearly overview to see exactly what we cover but other subjects we also cover are:

- History
- Geography
- Art
- DT
- RE
- PSHE
- PE
- Games
- Computing
- Music



EQUIPMENT

It would help your child if at home they had the right equipment to support the completion of their homework.

- A pencil
- A few colouring pencils
- A ruler
- Scissors
- Glue

Each day your child will need:

- Their book bags with their reading book and diary
- PE kit (+ *spare clothes for accidents*)
- A Water bottle
- Appropriate weather gear (for the time of year)



- Please arrive at 8:45
- If your child has an achievement or has done something that is linked to our learning then we will find time in our day to look at these. It's important that their achievements are recognised.



KEEPING YOU INFORMED ON YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS

- We will keep you informed during the year of your child's progress.
- Parent consultations will take place in Autumn 2 and Spring 2.
- Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.
- You can either, write in the reading diary, phone the school or email me on:

cateacher@tatsfield.surrey.sch.uk

(But please allow 48 hours for me to respond)



JUST A REMINDER

- Please read with your child every night and sign their reading record.
- Spellings are set on a Friday to be back the following Friday.
- Spelling scores will be written in their home spelling book. We try to return this on a Friday.
- Homework is alternated between English and Maths given on a Friday to be returned on a Friday. Please spend around 20 minutes on this homework.
- Library books are changed on a Tuesday afternoon.

