

Welcome back to Class 1!



Hello everyone!

I'm so excited to be your teacher again! As you know, I really enjoy singing, reading, art, design and history so there will be lots of those kinds of activities next year. 😊

Outside of school, I love going on big walks and exploring new places. My favourite place is the beach!

I'm really looking forward to sharing lots of new learning experiences with you and having plenty of fun along the way!

Have a look at this presentation with your grown ups at home, so you know what to expect in Year 1.

Miss Costa 😊

Did you know?

We are very lucky to have the lovely Mrs Jenkins with us too! She will continue to help you with your learning and will look after you when I'm out of class on Monday afternoons.



Did you know that we are changing our class name? Instead of being the Class 1 Lions, we will now be... the Class 1 Busy Bees!

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Topic Taster

This year we will have three main topics:

- Childhood Over Time
- Heroes and Villains
- Fire! Fire!



For our first topic, We will be finding out how children lived in the past, what toys they played with, what clothes they wore and what school was like. We will be learning through play, through lots of creative experiences and asking family members about their childhood too!



We will have a special look at what life was like in Victorian times!



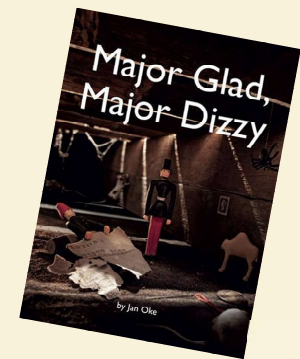
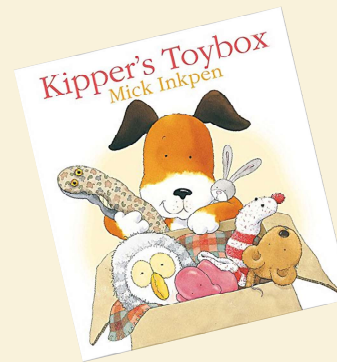
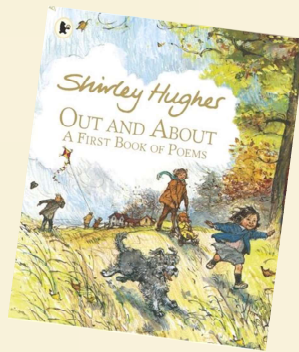
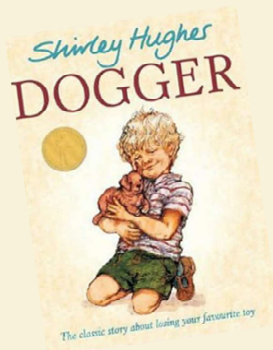
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Books

We love reading in Class 1!

We enjoy lots of different types of texts and our reading area is a perfect place to cosy up with a good book.



Throughout the year, we will explore lots of high-quality texts which we will link to our topic and learning activities. Here are just a few examples!



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Everybody read!



In Class 1, we will continue having daily phonics to build our decoding and blending skills. We will start to learn alternative graphemes for sounds introduced in Phases 2 and 3.

We will also be reading in groups. Next year, we will continue to follow the Little Wandle program and will be encouraging good fluency and understanding of the text.

As you know, reading is not just about decoding words. It also allows our imaginations to blossom, exposes us to adventure, teaches us new ideas and vocabulary and much more!



It is important that we read to an adult regularly at home- this means about three times a week.

We also have the 'Holbrook Hundred' books to explore. Have a look at our website for the 100 books we recommend!



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What will our day look like?

Each day we will have...

- Phonics
- Maths
- Literacy
- Topic time
- Independent Learning time



On different days, you will have PE.
Sometimes, we will do outdoor learning with Mr Parker!



We do our learning in lots of different ways.

We balance guided and adult-led activities with plenty of independent learning, where you are free to explore the ongoing challenges in the classroom environment and outside.

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Home learning

As well as reading at home, homework supports our learning and is a fun way of sharing what we are doing in school with your family.

You will have a folder which will be sent home on a Friday and returned the following Friday.

In Year 1, you will:

- Practise your phonics skills (based on our focus sounds and words)
- Have a maths activity to try

This might be playing a game, going on a hunt at home or trying some number challenges. It will always be as practical as possible and should take no longer than 15 minutes to do!

Every week, I will share explanations on Class Dojo.



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Class Dojo

We are very eager to continue using Class Dojo! We will show what we have been up to in class and share our learning with families.

We will also keep awarding dojo points for working hard, helping others, participating, being on task, persistence and good teamwork.

Remember, your points can build up and be used to earn prizes or rewards!



Class Dojo can also be used to send me or Mrs Jenkins a message, but please remember:

- You shouldn't share information of a sensitive nature in a Class Dojo message.
- Please come and talk to us about any problems, worries or concerns, or alternatively contact the office.
- I may not respond the same day to messages so if anything is urgent, please call or email the school office.



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What else do you need to know?

As a Year 1 pupil, you are now ready to be...

- ✓ More independent in your learning
- ✓ More responsible for your work and belongings
- ✓ More responsible for your choices
- ✓ A good role model for our new friends in Reception



We will also have a 'Busy Bee of the Day', which will be chosen before home time.

We will still have 'Show and Tell' time, because it's important to value and celebrate everyone's achievements. Mrs Jenkins and I will let you know when it's your turn to share your special news/ objects or work.



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Let's get going!

If you have any more questions, please let me know and I'll try my best to answer them.



I'm really looking forward to having a brilliant, busy year and can't wait to welcome you back in September! 😊

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