

# Welcome to Key Stage One

There are 2 classes in Key Stage One, 2 mixed year 1/2 children classes. The staff are as follows:

1B – Miss Baker  
1/2W – Ms Wall  
2SW – Mrs Walters and Miss Smith

The teachers in Key Stage One all work hard as a team along with our teaching assistants to plan and deliver an exciting and informative curriculum for all of the children. The team is managed by Mrs Smith who is also the Deputy Head Teacher.

The day starts at 8.45 when children can enter the classroom where their teachers will be waiting for them. Each class begins their day with a 30 minute phonics session. We use a variety of phonics resources and materials to build on the sounds children have learnt in Reception. We start to focus applying those sounds in writing and as children move through Key Stage One we start to look at different spelling rules to prepare them for Key Stage Two.

During the morning children will also have literacy and numeracy sessions. Children are offered a variety of experiences with indoor and outdoor learning, practical activities and speaking and listening opportunities to enable children's confidence to develop alongside their academic abilities. We try our hardest to use our topics to inspire children's reading, writing and maths and try to include as many subjects as we can. The topics for last year (2015/16) are: Fire Fire (The Great Fire of London), Down in the Jungle (Rainforests), The weather, the senses, materials and friction and the seaside.

Each year we try to organise a range of visitors and trips to support children's learning. Last year we went to the cinema, took part in a range of local sports festivals, and visited Twycross Zoo. We love taking the children to new places and providing them with new experiences and we are careful to keep the costs as low as possible



As well as our topics, we are keen to teach children about different celebrations throughout the year. We always take part in Harvest Festival, and our children often attend the Harvest Moon parade which is held locally. We learn about Diwali and festivals from around the world, and through doing this hope to support children's understanding and tolerance of different cultures. As part of our Christmas celebrations Key Stage One always prepare a Christmas Nativity which they enjoy practising for and performing for parents.



When your child starts in Key Stage One they will be given Reading Record and a reading book appropriate for their level. In the Reading Record the teacher or teaching assistant will note down when your child has been listened to. Every day the children take part in a guided reading carousel where they will read in a group with a teacher, practice their reading comprehension, work on handwriting and have some free choice reading time. It is an incredibly important part of children's development to read daily and this means that we rely on your support at home to listen to your child, and write in the Reading Record when this has happened.



As well as daily reading the children will be given weekly homework activities to complete. These may be short tasks or may be slightly longer projects for children to do during holidays or over a couple of weeks. Our homework will sometimes be set using our school website.



In Key Stage One we always strive to do our best for your children, to help them make progress in their lessons and to help them develop into confident and happy learners ready for the next phase of their education.