

Helpers

At the minute we are unable to ask for parent helpers, however, if this changes in the future we will inform you.

Y1 Diary

Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
P.E. (4)	P.E. (3)	Library Day	P.E. (3&4)	Spelling test & new spellings
Return homework				Receive homework

Staff

Class 3		Class 4	
Teacher	Miss Finney	Teacher	Mrs Martin (Monday-Wednesday) Mrs Marsden (Wednesday- Friday)
Teaching Assistants:	Mrs MacDonald (HLTA)	Teaching Assistant	Mrs Illingworth
SENTA	Miss Innes		
Year 1 HLTA	Miss Kerry	Miss Kerry will teach computing to all children; Class 3 on a Monday and Class 4 on a Tuesday.	

St Andrew's CE (VA) Infant School



Welcome to Year 1

from

Miss Finney, Mrs Martin & Mrs Marsden

Class 3

Class 4

**Information for the Parents and Carers of children
entering Year 1 in September 2020**

Welcome to Year 1!

We are delighted to have the pleasure of teaching your child for the forthcoming year and can assure you that they will enjoy a happy, safe and exciting time here in Year 1! Each child is individual and special, and with your support we aim to ensure that every child meets their full potential and enjoys school. Please read this information booklet, and if you have any questions, then please do ask.

Year 1 is a very rewarding time. The children are now ready to apply their learning in phonics and begin to work with increasing independence.

Developing Independence in Year 1 we continue to develop the children's independence and work in small groups, like the children are used to doing in reception, with independent challenges. However, there will be more times during the day when the children are asked to work with an adult or concentrate as a whole class. We will be continuing to follow the EYFS curriculum to bridge gaps alongside the KS1 National Curriculum.

The children can say their goodbye's in the playground and make their own way to their class. If you need to speak to the class teacher please see them at the end of the day or send a message via the school office. The first Parents' meeting will be in October, but don't wait until then if you have any concerns.

Maths The school has adopted a new 'mastery' approach to maths teaching which proved very successful last year. We will be working this year on addition and subtraction of numbers to twenty, multiplication 2x, 5x, 10x, and division as sharing into two groups. We will use the outdoor areas of the school to make the lessons engaging and memorable.

Lego Targets The children will be sent home with targets to practise at home throughout each half term. Once your child is confident at a target we will quiz them and they will receive a special stamp.

English We will have phonics groups every morning and a spelling test every Friday. We have weekly handwriting lessons and will be focussing on forming each letter correctly and spelling the high frequency words they have been taught in Reception. It is really important that we correct any incorrect letter formation, especially in your child's name, before this becomes embedded. We have attached a correct letter formation sheet that we follow in school for your child to practise.

Reading is extremely important in Year 1. Daily reading with your child will help them to become more confident and fluent readers. Due to the time missed because of the pandemic, it is vital that you listen to your child read daily to help them reach their potential. Books will be changed regularly. Please ensure that you comment, date and sign in their reading record to show that a book has been read. We will be continuing to follow the flashcard program from Reception. Please practise these daily to build up your child's sight vocabulary.

In addition to 1-1 reading, we will be doing Guided Reading once a week. This involves a group of children reading the same book together with an adult. Please see your child's reading record that explains how our Reading Rainbow certificate program works.

Computing This year our HLTA Miss Kerry will be taking the children in small groups to the computer suit every Monday or Tuesday for computing lessons.

Homework We will issue one piece of paper based homework a week but will be adding additional activities to Purple Mash. Your child's code is in the back of their reading record.

Spellings will be sent home every week to be learnt in the spelling books, using the look, cover, write, and check method. Please complete the book and also try to spell the words out loud and by writing them down. Spellings will be tested on a Friday.

Rewards/Sanctions Children will be praised positively at every opportunity. They will be rewarded for good behaviour in class by moving their name card up the behaviour chart; children on Gold at the end of each week will receive a sticker. If a child does not follow the teacher's direct instructions, then their name will be moved back down. Every opportunity is made to give the children the chance to turn their behaviour round and move back up.

Equipment Book bags should be brought to school **every day**, to take home letters or homework. PE bags, containing PE kit, pumps, and spare underwear, should remain on pegs all week. Please always send a coat, even when it looks fine. Please ensure all PE kits, pumps, school coats, jumpers and water bottles are named. Class teachers have a permanent marker - if names are rubbed off please ask. Unnamed and unclaimed jumpers will be put in a lost property box. Sometimes children leave their jumpers and water bottles in other parts of the school, but if named they always come back to the correct class!
CLEAR water bottles containing water only please.