

Year 1 Newsletter  
September 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new year at Mayfield Primary School. My name is Miss Casey and I will be teaching your child in Year 1. I am sure we will all have a great year together, working hard to achieve the best for the children.

The following information outlines the topics your child will be studying as well as information about what your child will need to bring to school each day. Year 1 will provide a bridge between the play based learning of the Foundation Stage and the more formal Year 2 classroom. Children will work both independently at set tasks and more informally in our classroom and outdoor areas of learning, as well as in teacher led groups.

Our topic this half term is 'All about me' In Literacy we will be looking at a range of interesting and exciting literature, including stories and poems. For our non-fiction topic we will be looking at lists, labels and captions and how we use them. The children will complete a writing activity every Friday based on the story for that particular week. This is known as 'The Big Write.' Your child may be asked to complete 'Talk Homework' every week to help them with this activity.

Each child will take part in a Guided Read session once a week. They will be given a particular day to read with myself and will also complete a carousel of reading activities throughout the week. They will also read individually to a teaching assistant once every two weeks. They will be given an individual reading book to take home on a Friday. It is really important that your child returns their book with a written comment in their journal so that new ones can be issued. Please try and listen to your child read at home as often as possible to build on their reading skills.

The children will practice their spellings once every two weeks on a Friday Afternoon. Spellings will be sent home with plenty of time to practice.

Phonics is a large aspect of the year 1 curriculum. The children will be learning lots of new sounds and using these to help with their reading and writing. There will be a phonics session every day of the week for half an hour. After Christmas these sessions will increase to help the children to prepare for the national phonics screening check in June.





PE will take place on a **Tuesday** afternoon and **Friday** morning. Please ensure your child has a full kit in school in a named bag. The kit should consist of black shorts, a white t-shirt and pumps. Please ensure that all kit and all school uniform has your child's name in it.

In Numeracy we will be looking to become increasing familiar with the numbers 1-100 and doing simple calculations. We will build on the work done in Reception on 2D and 3D shapes. We will also be looking at length by making measurements and comparisons.

In Science we will be learning about ourselves and our senses. We will be looking at how we grow and how we change. We will also be learning about different types of animals.

In line with our topic our small world area is a hospital. The children will be able to work on their speaking, listening and cooperation skills when playing in this area. Our outside role play area is a puppet theatre where the children will have the chance to use puppets to act out stories or even make their own puppets.

In Art we will look at portraits, we start by exploring portraits created by artists such as Vincent Van Gogh, we use this to develop our own ideas and techniques and we will eventually create our own portrait. In History we will be looking at homes in the past. We will be looking at how things have changed and improving our historical knowledge and vocabulary.

The pupils will have milk and fruit in the morning. Your child can bring in a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit to have in the afternoon. Please keep this an easy snack to eat as we will only have a short time to eat it.

Please feel free to come and see me at any time to discuss any concerns or issues you may have regarding your child. Once again I am very much looking forward to the year ahead.

Miss Casey and Miss Howard

Day	Things to remember
Tuesday	Return reading book and homework. PE kit
Thursday	Different teacher
Friday	PE Kit Homework activity, spellings and reading books will be sent home

