

# Welcome to Year 1

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# Transition into Year 1

- Aim is for this to be as smooth as possible for all children
- Focus group activities happening in class, while others complete independent work
- Whole class sessions are taking place during the week. We are building up gradually to whole class learning by half term.
- Fruit – must be fruit or vegetable
- Drink – water
- Milk – available but it needs to be paid for
- Laces - “no lace ties”
- Please name all uniform



# Rewards

- House points
- Ice cream sticks in a cup
- Certificates and stickers
- Head Teacher awards
- Pebbles (class bear): He will go home each weekend to one child. Please write about the weekend in this (and provide photos if you can). Your child will then share this during fruit/drink time the following week. Every child will take the bear home once during the year.





# Timetable

- English & Math's
- Daily phonics lesson
- RE and PSHE
- Geography, History, Science, DT, Computing, Art (3 week cycles)
- P.E. - Monday and Wednesday
- Music - Friday
- Daily assemblies

# Reading in Year 1

- During reading sessions children will focus on decoding, prosody and comprehension
- Reading book coming home will be the one read in school during reading sessions and should celebrate their reading
- Reading should happen every day at home for 15-20 mins (this should include time to talk about the book, discuss characters, events etc).
- Book Fairies
- 6 before 6 Challenge
- Whole class reading sessions

# READING VIPERS

- Vocabulary
- Inference
- Prediction
- Explanation
- Retrieval
- Sequencing

Linked to a text – lots will be verbal



# Writing in Year 1

- Children are given the opportunity to write every day across all subjects.
- In English, writing is linked to a text.
- Spelling, grammar and punctuation rules are reinforced in every lesson across all subjects.
- Handwriting practice
- Main objectives a Year 1 writer should be able to use:

*Capital letters and full stops*

*Finger spaces*

*Conjunctions (and, then, but, because, so)*

*Question marks and exclamation marks*

*Adding suffixes (-ed, -ing, -er, -est) to the end of a word*

*Adding prefixes (un-) to the beginning of a word*

# Phonics

- Daily lessons
- Little Wandle scheme

## Phonics screening:

- *This takes place in June 2024 and will be completed on a 1:1 basis.*
- *The children can take as long as they like to complete the test (there is an emphasis on this NOT being a test).*
- *40 words to read – a mixture of real words and “alien words”. Alien words are practiced in phonics lessons*
- *Children will be able to read some practice words first.*
- *Children who do not pass the test can re-take it towards the end of Year 2.*

*This is not anything to be alarmed about and is simply a way to see how the children can use the phonics skills they have learnt.*



# Maths in Year 1

The core areas for maths are:

- Number and Place Value (within 100)
- Addition and subtraction to 20
- Time (hour, half hour, days, week, months)
- Money
- Fractions ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ )
- Measurement – length, height, mass & volume
- Geometry 2D and 3D shapes, position and direction
- Problem solving activities to embed their knowledge



# Home Learning

- Little Wandle letter and sounds sheets
- Home learning will be set on Google Classroom (after half term) and will consist of:
- 1 task based on learning that week (your child should be able to complete this independently).
- Spellings – 5 to start with gradually increasing to 10 by the summer term
- Google Classroom log-ins will be sent home





## Booster groups

- Run during assembly time
- It is possible I may run phonics booster groups before or after school in the spring term up until the screening test.

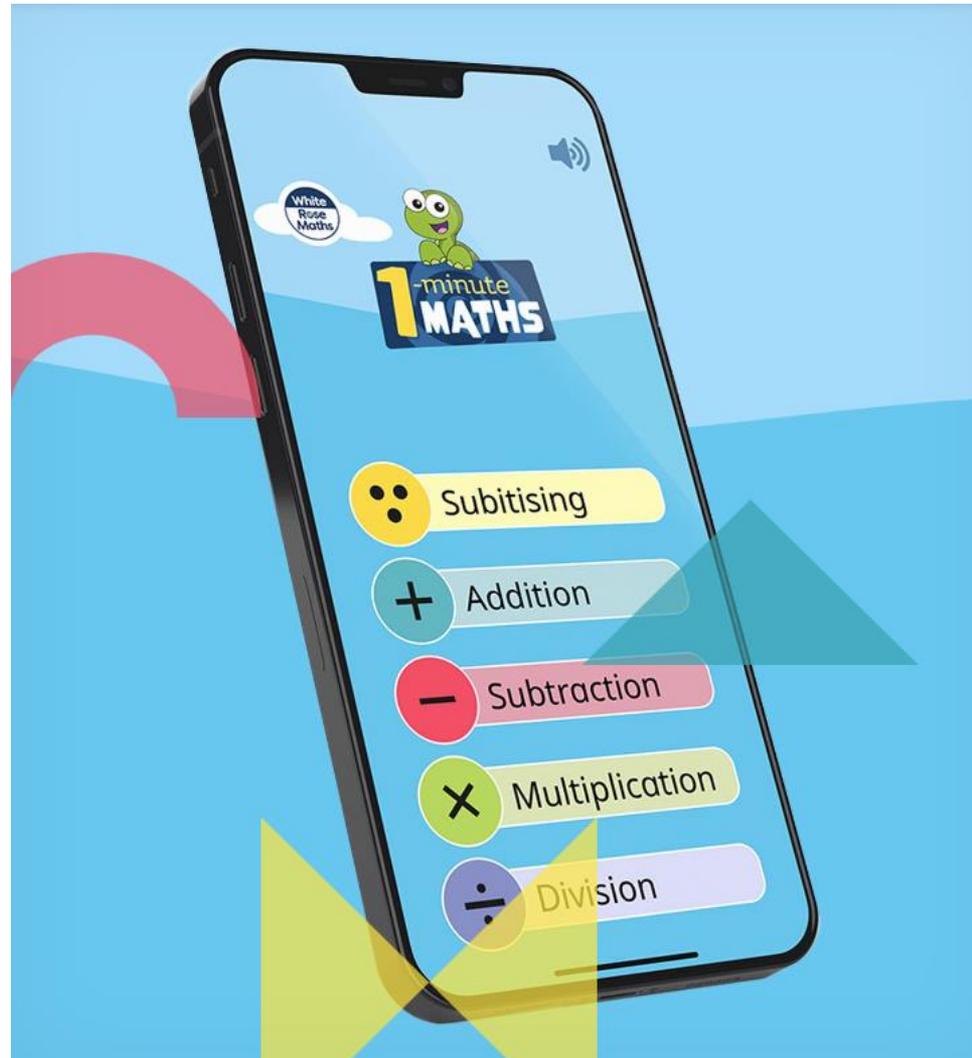
Please do not be alarmed if your child is invited.

# How you can help your child settle into Year 1

- Encourage your child to focus on tasks for a set period of time
- Count forwards and backwards to 20 (and beyond)
- Identify 1 more and 1 less than any given number
- Read to your child to develop a love of reading and look for rich vocabulary and talk about how characters might be feeling
- Number and letter formation



# White Rose Maths APP



# Helpful Maths Website

## Hit the Button

Number  
Bonds

Doubles

Halves

Times  
Tables

Division  
Facts

Square  
Numbers