



# Welcome to Class Milton Year 1

'Our church, our school, our community'



Welcome to the Year 1. I am delighted to be teaching Class Milton (Year One) and I am really looking forward to getting to know you and your child over the course of the year. We are thrilled to welcome the children back to school ready for a fantastic, new school year. Your child's teachers for this year will be Miss Woollands and Ms. Raymond. This term we will be focusing on making sure children feel safe, happy and connected to our school community. Here, you will find all the information you need to know about what we will be doing in Year 1 this term.

**Remember:** School begins at 8:50am. It's important to be at school every day, on time so that we are ready to learn. Children in Year 1 should be collected at the end of the day at 3.25pm.

## Reading



In Year 1, we promote reading for pleasure and aim to offer our children a wide range of exciting, recent children's literature. It is essential that children read at home too, *at least* four times per week. Regular reading can have a great impact on children's learning and confidence across the curriculum. This year, children will receive books to read at their assessed reading level from school for the week. These books can be changed when the children are ready. Please continue to sign their reading record to show they have read.

## Other information

Please ensure you are following our class

Twitter page:



@Miltonclass1

**PE day** – Thursday (children can come to school in their PE kits on that day)



## Library Books

Along with a reading book the children will choose a library book each week. This is a book that may not be at your child's reading level and so it may be too tricky for them to read independently. This choosing aims to allow children to choose books that they are interested in or they would really like to read. Therefore, the library book is to share with your child and enjoy together. As a school we want to develop a real love of reading and giving the children the right to choose their own book is a small part of that. Please take time to share your love of reading with your child. Please write any extra reading books in their reading record.

## Homework



Children in Year 1 are set weekly spellings. To support your child, can you complete the Look, Cover, Write, Check homework sheet sent home on a Monday to prepare for their weekly spelling test on Friday. Please return spelling books to school on Friday. Children are also given a homework grid at the beginning of each half term. This half term it will be linked to our history unit about Castles. Children can choose one activity each week to complete. Please tick these off as you complete them. Homework books will go out on Friday and are due back in school on Wednesday.

## Healthy Snack

Year 1 pupils are provided with one healthy, daily snack. Children can also bring their own healthy snack to school if you prefer. This snack must be fruits or vegetables.





## Maths

We will be exploring the units:

- Place Value (within 10)
- Adding and subtracting (within 10)
- Shape
- Place value (within 20)

Advice about our maths scheme for parents can be found at:

[Advice and guidance for parents | White Rose Maths](#)



## Computing

We will develop the pupils' understanding of technology and how it can help them. They will become more familiar with the different components of a computer by developing their keyboard and mouse skills, and also start to consider how to use technology responsibly.

## Art



In art the children will learn about drawing techniques and painting. They will colour mix primary colours to create secondary colours. They will gain inspiration for their work from the artist of Wassily Kandinsky.

## Literacy



In Literacy this half term we will begin by recapping on set 1 and 2 phonics sounds. The children will also check the spelling of red words (common exception words) This will progress onto hold a sentence using a capital letter and a full stop. Then we will start describing character and settings.



## RE

In religious education we will focus on the question, Does God want Christians to look after the world? We are learning to re-tell the Christian Creation story and to explore how this influences how Christians behave towards nature and the environment.

## Science



In science, children will learn about different common animals and their features using scientific language such as feathers, beak, scales, fins etc. Children will also look at the diets of different animals. Finally, children will focus on humans, identifying body parts and linking these to senses as well as discussing the similarities and differences between humans.

## PSHE



In personal, social and education we will talk about school and class rules. Then we will explore road safety which looks at how we can stay safe when crossing the road and travelling in a vehicle.



## PE

This dance unit is based on the seasons and will provide the children with varied dance experiences. During the unit, they will work individually, in pairs and in groups and will develop their understanding of dance terminology such as mirroring, improvisation, canon and unison. Throughout the unit, there are many opportunities for children to evaluate their own work and provide feedback to others. Earrings and other jewellery must be removed before coming to school on Thursday as these items become a health and safety risk during PE lessons.



## Dates for your diary - Tuesday 26th September

This half term we will be visiting Conisbrough Castle the pupils will take part in a learning workshop called MEET THE MEDIEVALS to help bring our learning to life.

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