



## Welcome to Year 1

First of all... meet the Year 1 team

### **Ladybird Class**



Ms Prosser – Teacher



Mrs Davis - Teaching Assistant

### **Hedgehog Class**



Mrs Parsons & Mrs Lovell – Teachers



Mrs Hood – Teaching Assistant

### **Butterfly Class**



Mrs Tilling – Teacher



Mrs Harman – Teaching Assistant



Miss Walpole / Mrs Morris – 1:1 Support



PPA Cover – Mrs McGahey



Forest School Cover  
(Thursday in Ladybird) – Mrs Dawson-Pollitt

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to welcome you to Year 1.

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. The children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners. We continue to encourage the use of the outdoors as an additional learning environment. We try to use outside areas most days to enrich the children's learning. Please ensure your child has the correct clothing to access outside e.g. coat in bad weather and a hat in warmer weather.

Our topic for this term is called 'Incredible Me and My Super Senses'. We will be learning about the parts of the body and our senses. Please look on our school website for a topic web and additional information.

<https://www.rosegreeninfant.school/website>

### **Key information:**

Phonics – We will be organised into phonics groups across Year 1 and 2. These groups will focus on Phonics, reading, writing and handwriting. These will take place every afternoon except Thursdays.

Words of the Week - We will then be learning the Year 1 common exception words. The children need to be able to read, spell and apply them by the end of Year 1.

Reading – Please hear your child read as often as you can, don't forget to encourage your child to read anything! Please write in the reading record book, children will have next steps and key words to focus on too. There is a new space at the beginning of the reading record book to note any bedtime stories you read. Please feel free to put in any additional books/reading that you share. The inside cover will give you more information.

Explore and Learn - In Year 1 Explore and Learn time is a time for reinforcing their learning and practising their next steps. There is less free play time than in reception. The children are expected to choose an activity that will support their learning and practise their skills.

PE kit – Please make sure it fits and don't forget names and outdoor wear, you will need to regularly check your child's plimsolls/trainers to make sure they fit- if your child has shoes with laces please teach them to tie them up independently! Please ensure all long hair is tied up and earrings taped or taken out before school.

Next steps- Green great/ think pink. When your child completes reading/writing and maths tasks they will receive verbal feedback, with green and pink symbols.

PPA – This year covering Year 1 teacher's PPA day will be Mrs Helen McGahey, she knows our school routines well.

Homework – Homework will be sent home in a pink book with a sticker explaining the task. Year 1 homework will be topic based, maths or phonic related. Please support your child and encourage them to complete the homework allowing them write in their books independently.

Any questions or problems-

You can talk to us after school and of course you are always welcome to send an email to your child's class teacher.

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Kind regards,

The Year 1 Team