



Executive Headteacher: Mr C Reed

Thursday 23rd May 2024

Transition from Reception into Year 1

Dear parents/carers,

When the children in Reception return to school after half term, they will be entering a period of transition. This has been carefully planned to ensure your children are well prepared for some of the changes in routine and expectations that they will encounter as they enter Year 1 in September.

In order to support the children with these changes, a new timetable will be introduced after half term and the same timetable will be used until the half term in October of Year 1. It is hoped that as a result, the children will find the transition a positive experience, and it will mean they have a new teacher and classroom to get used to, without also being expected to get used to a new, slightly more intense timetable. We did this for our last Reception cohort and they settled into Year 1 very well in September.

As well as a new timetable, the following changes will also be implemented after May half term to help prepare the children for Year 1:

- The children will take part in more whole-class activities.
- They will join Year 1 and 2 on the Infant School playground for break time in the morning.
- They will begin exploring some of the other areas on the school site in readiness for them joining the whole school at lunchtimes. This won't happen until we feel they are ready which may not be until September.
- It will be compulsory for all children to complete at least one of the home learning tasks on the class newsletter.
- The children will attend some assemblies with Years 1 and 2.
- All of the children in Reception will take part in the whole school transition days to meet their new teachers and spend time in their new classrooms on the last two days of term before the summer holidays. This effectively means their last day in Reception will be on Friday 19th July.

If you have any questions regarding your child's transition, please do not hesitate to ask us

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy headteacher

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Early Years Lead

