



Welcome to
Year 1

Miss Styles, Miss Hoskins and
Mrs Spokes



Introduction

Starting Year 1 can be a little bit daunting for the children, so we are aiming to make the transition as smooth as possible!

In Year 1, the children will be learning so much, and it will be a mixture of child-led and adult-led activities.

Challenge Time

We will be doing Challenge Time twice a week for the first 2 terms, and this will reduce as we go through the year to allow the children to begin transitioning into Year 2

Their work from Challenge Time will be put into a Challenge book, as they will be completing challenges throughout Challenge Time



Reading

The children will also get a sharing book to bring home and share with you!

There will also be a Reading Mountain - if the children read 4 times a week, they will move up the Reading Mountain! Once they reach the peak, they are able to get a prize!

We will also be choosing a Reader of the Week to celebrate their amazing reading!

- Reading will be the same as Reception
- On Monday, we will start a new book in school, and it will come home on a Wednesday
- This book should be returned on the following Monday



Topics

- Our Wonderful World
- Castles
- Dinosaur Discovery
- African Adventure
- Down at the Bottom of the Garden
- Great Fire of London

Phonics Screening *

The Phonics Screening Check takes place in Year 1, usually in June. The test contains 40 words. Some of these words are real words and some are 'non-words' or 'nonsense words'.

Children will be prepared for the fact that some of the words will not be real words and these words are identifiable during the test by having a small image of an alien next to them. These 'non-words' are important because all children will need to use their decoding skills to read them as they will have not been learnt by sight. Each child will sit one-to-one with an adult and will be asked to read the 40 words out loud.



General Information

- PE Day is Monday and Thursday
- Please make sure the children's belongings are named
- Learning logs can be given in on Thursday to be marked, and they will be given back on Friday
- Please return school reading books on the following Monday to ensure the children can get a new book for the week!

Questions or any worries...*

- Our door is always open, please come and talk to us if you have any questions or worries!
- You can also email us: yearone@high-firs.kent.sch.uk
- We will check their contact books every day if you wish to write in these also!