



GET MOVING in Year 1

In July we sent you our 'Get Set' plans to support you in knowing the skills children should have ready for the new school year following the period of school closures. We have now worked with the children in school and started to unpick some of the areas the children are less secure with. Below is what we know about the year group as a whole. Some pupils will be further ahead, but all pupils will benefit from the strategies we are putting in place. Please support your child with our suggestions for ideas at home.

Reading		
What have we found?	In school we are...	At home you should...
Children in Year 1 enjoy reading to an adult and discussing books read to them. When answering questions, they sometimes find it hard to refer back to the book they have been reading.	In school we are sharing stories with the children every day. We are listening to individual children read regularly and introducing incentives to help support the children develop their fluency, understanding and love of books.	It is essential in Year 1 to listen to your child read daily and to share a story at bedtime. They gain so much from having your attention and answering questions you pose. Please see our attached leaflet for guidance.

Writing		
What have we found?	In school we are...	At home you should...
Most children enjoy sharing their writing. Some pupils have forgotten the correct way to form all of their letters. Some are also finding it tricky to listen to simple sentences and write them down.	We have bought some special whiteboards to support handwriting. We are providing children with additional daily phonics to support them with spelling. We are encouraging purposeful writing opportunities every day.	Find opportunities to encourage your child to write such as making lists, writing letters and making labels. If they are writing a letter incorrectly, show them the correct way and see if they can copy you.

Maths		
What have we found?	In school we are...	At home you should...
Our Year 1 pupils enjoy counting and seeing the maths around them. Some children are struggling with reading two digit numbers and are reversing the digits. They are not all secure in writing the digits the correct way around.	We are always looking for opportunities to build on children's counting skills. We will also do more work with the classes on place value as well as working on addition and subtraction within 10.	Encourage your children to write numbers and support them with knowing which way around the digits go. Board games and cards games are a great way to get children counting and adding small numbers while having fun.

Wellbeing		
What have we found?	In school we are...	At home you should...
The children have come back remarkably well and are enjoying school. We will continue to monitor this.	It is important for us to maintain clear routines with the children to help them feel safe and secure. Children have regular lessons exploring wellbeing. Next term, as part of PE, children will be working on team building.	Encourage your child to talk about their day. Talk about what they have found challenging but focus on their successes. If you have any concerns regarding your child's overall wellbeing at home, please let your child's teacher know how they can support you.