Welcome to Foundation 1

Our Teaching Team for September 2018
Mrs Moncaster, Mrs Smithson, Mrs Emsley, Miss Hovey and Mrs Wheeldon

Latest Update - Welcome to the Autumn Term
A very warm welcome to Foundation1 both to our existing children and new starters. Our topics this term, Woodland Animals including the Gruffalo and Sparkle and Shine.

Important Dates for your Diary this term
Wednesday 6th September Monday 25th September - INSET Day
Friday 20th October - Break up
HALF TERM
Monday 30th October - Return to school
Friday 22nd December - Break up for Christmas

Foundation 1 Gallery
A gallery of photos and video clips containing some of our work and School trips are available to view using the link below

Foundation 1 Information

Drinks and Snacks
It is recommended that every child brings in a water bottle each day. We provide a selection of fruit for each session along with milk if you have registered.

Physical Development
Foundation 1 will have P.E each week. We do however endeavour to use our outdoor space on a daily basis in order to enable physical development.

Partnership with parents
In Foundation 1 we have a selection of Bedtime books which your child can choose to take home each night and share with their family. We also so send home WOW moments so that you can share your child’s wonderful learning moments with the Foundation1 staff. WE will also be sending home topic clouds for you and your child to share ideas and pictures about our half termly topic and Play at home fun activity sheets.

Contacting the Foundation 1 Team
Please feel free to speak to us at the start or the end of day with quick concerns or please feel free to book a time via the School Office to have a longer chat.

Curriculum Overview
In Foundation 1 we use Development Matters in the Early Years Foundation Stage. We as staff use this to develop positive relationships with each unique child and provide stimulating environments in order to help them learn and develop in their own way. We
focus on the characteristics of how children learn and cover the Prime areas of development, Personal, social and emotional development, physical development and communication and language. We also teach the specific areas of, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the world and have a lot of fun with Expressive arts and design. We do all this through exciting child based topics.

**Our Topics for 2018/19**

**Autumn Term**

**Woodland Animals**
We will be looking at autumn and the changes that you see in the environment. We will be using familiar story books including several Julia Donaldson favourites.

**Sparkle and Shine**
This topic will include lots of glitter as we look at different festivals and cultures as well as looking at colours and our rainbow values.

**Spring Term**

**Winter**
We will look at different climates, in particular cold ones. Also investigating ice and different animals.

**Living Things**
Spring is a wonderful time to look at new beginnings and changes. We love the Very Hungry Caterpillar and it’s a good introduction to life cycles.

**Summer Term**

**Exploring the Environment**
We will look closely at our environment, including buildings and transport.

**Water**
We will investigate water and think about the creatures that live under the sea.