



# Ernesettle Community School

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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Welcome to Year 1

We hope you've had an enjoyable summer holiday and feel excited for the academic year ahead. Each term, we send you a letter to share with you what your child will be learning about in each subject. Next term, Year 1 will begin their 'My School My Community' area of study, with particular links to Geography. The children will develop their Geography skills and knowledge of places.



In **Geography**, we'll be learning to:

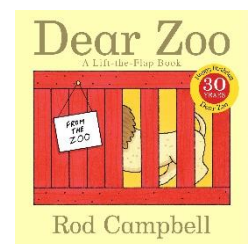
- Recall our knowledge from EYFS and be able to draw information from a simple map and understand some places are special to our community
- Look at different maps
- Identify landmarks in their local area
- Know the human and physical features within the local area
- Learn their route to school



In **English**, the children's writing will be based on narrative writing where they will read the wonderful text 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell.

When in **Maths**, the children will be learning using objects, focusing on numbers up to 20 and finding one more or one less than any given number.

Finally, in **Science**, the children will be looking at 'Everyday Materials'. They will be building on their prior knowledge of similarities and differences in relation to objects, materials and living things.

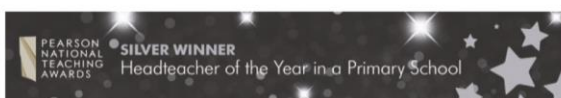


### Learning at Home

In Year 1, the homework expectations include **reading at least three times a week** and **practicing a weekly set of spellings** using strategies learned in school. In addition, children will need to complete **one Curriculum task from their Home Learning Menu**. This task will allow the children to prepare for upcoming lessons and

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on occasions, they may find this task challenging but please be assured this will be explored further in school. **Home Learning Books must be in school every day** please and will be marked each Thursday.

Class Dojo will be available for Home Learning support and your child's Learning at Home Booklet and Home Learning Menu will be uploaded to the Class Story. Staff will only be able to answer questions related to Home Learning via Class Dojo. Children are welcome to upload pictures of their learning.

### School Day Arrangement Update

- Year 1 may arrive at school between 8:30 – 8:55am. Each Year 1 class will enter through their own classroom door and playground gate. Unfortunately, Parents/Carers will be unable to stay for Early Morning Learning due to the increase in cases of Covid-19 in the Southwest. We will keep up to date with current situation and watch how things progress closely, until we are confident that we can welcome Parents/Carers back into site safely.
- Year 1 will be collected from their classroom door.

PE this term will be on a **Tuesday** for **1PP**, **Wednesday** for **1HB** and **Thursday** for **1PC**. Please make sure your child has their PE kit with them on this day. Children will be encouraged to bring their PE kit to school. Due to lots of the sessions will take place outdoors so please ensure your child has appropriate PE kit and a water bottle should the weather be cold/wet or sunny/warm please.

We really look forward to seeing you and your children on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Best wishes,

Mrs. P Pink, Miss. H Bruce, Mrs. A Pearce, Miss. A Cooper and the Year 1 team.

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