



# Ernesettle Community School

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Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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. This term, Year 1 will begin their 'My School, My Community' area of study, which links to Geography. The children will develop their Geography skills and knowledge of places.

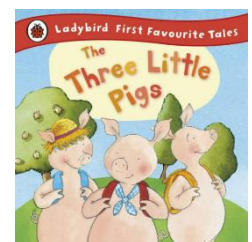
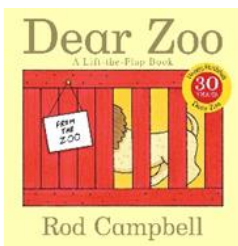


In Geography, we'll be learning to:

- Recall our knowledge from EYFS
- Draw information from a simple map
- Understand some places are special to our community
- Identify landmarks in our local area
- Know the human and physical features within the local area
- Learn our route to school



In **English**, the children will be studying 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell and developing their letter writing skills. We will then move on to 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' by Judith Kerr and 'The Three Little Pigs' by Nicola Baxter. Within these units the children will develop their understanding of the structure of a narrative before writing simple stories of their own.



In **Maths**, the children will develop their ability to recognise, represent and manipulate numbers to 10. They will begin by practising and developing their ability to sort and group objects using different criteria, then move on to counting groups of objects up to 10. The children will learn to recognise and count different representations of numbers to 10 and use a ten frame to help structure counting and reasoning.

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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. Science will be taught explicitly every week.

### Learning at Home

In Year 1, the homework expectations include **reading at least five 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 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.
- We are thrilled to welcome you into the classroom for Early Morning Learning with your child between 8:30-8:45 each day, should you wish to. Younger siblings are welcome to join but please could we ask you to keep prams outside due to limited space. There is shelter outside of each Year 1 classroom if the weather is poor. If you have any questions or queries, you are welcome to catch you child's teacher during this time.

PE this term will be on a **Monday for 1KR** and **Tuesday for 1DF and 1AC**. Please could your child come into school dressed in their PE kit on these days. The appropriate PE kit that they need to wear to school on their PE days is a team-coloured PE top, black PE shorts or plain black tracksuit bottoms and appropriate footwear such as plimsolls or trainers. Children are not permitted to wear substitute clothing such as football kits, hoodies etc. for their PE kits.

We really look forward to seeing you and your children on **Monday 4th September**.

Best wishes,

The Year 1 Team

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