



**Updates and reminders**

Welcome back to a new academic year at Robsack Wood Primary Academy. We are looking forward to be teaching your child in Year 1.

You can find out more about our provision and what your child will be learning in Year 1 by attending our Meet the Teacher event on Tuesday 12th September in your child's classroom.

There have been some exciting changes to our Home Learning Policy, we will share more information at our Meet the Teacher event and in our weekly Dear Parents letters.

Reading journals and reading books will be coming home within the first few days of term so that you can record your child's progress in reading at home.

Year 1 have PE on Tuesday and Friday, please ensure their PE kit is in before Tuesday 12th September for their first PE session.

**Dates for the Diary**

First day of term 1	07.09.17
Years 1 and 2 meet the teacher (3.15—3.45)	12.09.17
Children's Individual photographs	19.09.17
EYFS and KS1 parents consultations.	11.10.17
Year 2 survival day	16.10.16
Celebration afternoon	18.10.17
Last day of term 1	20.10.17

**Learning Journey**

**Letters and Sounds**

Through Year 1, Letters and Sounds is a high priority as your child grows in confidence and fluency in their reading and writing. We will begin by recapping letters and sounds that your child has already learnt through Reception before moving on to Phase 4 and Phase 5.

We will hold a Phonics Screening Check information event to share how, when and why the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check takes place.

We will regularly assess your child and send home sounds and words to practice at home. We will also send out our weekly "Reading and Writing Words" via Parent Mail, these are replacing the spelling test and are a selection of words to practice that will not be tested.

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**English**

In English we use Talk4Writing to build your child's confidence in speaking, listening, read and writing.

The first text the children will learn is The Three Little Pigs. We will share this text with you via Parent Mail so that you can support your child to learn and retell the story.

Once the children know the story, they will make changes to write their own story. Through this, they will learn different skills, such as joining words to make sentences, using

capital letters and full stops and forming their letters correctly.

**Maths**

In Maths, the children will learn new concepts through using a range of practical resources, pictures and other representations.

We focus on the children developing a secure understanding of low number and being able to use and apply their understanding to solve problems.

This term the children will learn to count, sort and recognise numbers to 10 and add and subtract within 10.

The children will have opportunities to explore these concepts in real-life situations in our Role Play area.

**Learning Journey continued**

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Our Learning Journey topic this term is called Remember, Remember and is all about Guy Fawkes and his gunpowder plot.

The children will learn about who Guy Fawkes was, what his gunpowder plot was and what we do to remember the events.

They will engage with the topic through a range of creative activities, including creating firework artwork and poetry.

We will also be exploring materials and their properties. This will support the children's understanding of the Three Little Pigs, and help them to suggest better materials for the pigs to build their houses from!

**What does learning look like in Year 1?**

Initially, our provision will look very similar to the end of Reception for your child.

We have carpet times for

teaching Letters and Sounds, English, Maths and other subjects.

Children will work in small groups with their teacher to practice, use and apply what they have learnt.

They will also have access to a wide range of activities to support their holistic development, including a Role Play area, Reading Corner and the outside Area.

They will continue to have access to a snack bar.