



Year 1's CHIRP



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had a lovely two weeks getting to know the new Woodpeckers and Kingfishers. We have been focusing on establishing the year 1 routines and setting clear expectations for behaviour. The children have been getting used to the new Year 1 classrooms with a lot of play-based activities to help them transition into year 1. They appear comfortable and confident in their new learning environments.

Year 1's learning

We'll be revisiting key learning from Reception, helping children to feel confident as they settle into Year 1 routines.

- In Maths, we are focusing on subitising (looking at an amount and knowing it is four without counting it) and exploring numbers to ten.
- Drawing Club continues, with a focus on holding a sentence in our heads, writing words and short, simple sentences using their sounding out to support this (for example if writing the word frog, breaking that word down into f-r-o-g to help them spell it).
- In Phonics, we are revisiting and consolidating the sounds we learnt in Reception.
- We are reminding the children of the importance of good listening within all subjects and what that looks like. Being calm and still, tracking the speaker and not talking when an adult is talking.
- In History, we will explore our personal timelines and look at toys from the past, ours and our parents'.
- In Science, we are learning about different types of animals.

Supporting your child

- **Please** ensure each item of your child's clothing has their **name** in it as we are finding a lot of brand-new clothing in the classroom and not being able to return it. We love that you are buying from the preloved stand at the office however please make sure you **relabel** these items with **your** child's name.
- Your child is bringing home a matched book and also reading their Little Wandle books in school, it is so important to listen to your child read every day. You can listen to them read either their matched book or their online reading book. Please return their books and diaries **EVERY** day.
- Your child's **online Little Wandle book** is available on the Collins website:
<https://www.collinshub.co.uk/login/>
This is the same book we read together in school three times a week. If you have any problems accessing their online book, then please see the class teacher and we will help.

Donations

If you are going on any Autumn walks we'd love to receive any conkers, acorns or interestingly shaped or colourful leaves for us to observe the change in Season within the classroom.