

# Welcome to Year 1

There are 2 classes in Year 1. Kangaroo class, which is taught by Mrs Pullen and Tiger class who are taught by Mrs Clayden.

## Autumn Term



The year 1 curriculum kicks off with the 'Green Fingers' topic. This is a great environmental topic in which the children learn about plants and how they grow. Through their learning about nutrition, they also get the opportunity to create and make lots of delicious, healthy recipes. The topic also includes a trip to the wonderful Laverstock Farm.

The second part of the term is the 'Light Factory' topic. This topic links to the Light and Dark science topic and a real highlight of the term is when 'Paint by Light' set up in the hall. The children are enclosed in a huge blackout tent as a light show amazes while it teaches the children about light and colour. The children add to their learning through Religious Education by finding out about the story of Divali and making beautiful diva lights.



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## Spring Term

Spring term 'Blasts Off' in Year 1 with an exciting History topic about Neil Armstrong and his moon landing. The children also create moon buggies, which are based on their own designs from looking at lunar vehicles and assembling a variety of construction materials – including axels. The buggies are finished in brilliant gold or silver spray paint and an exhibition is held for the children to show their creations.



Spring 2 sees the Year 1's transported back in time for their 'Time Machine' topic. The children's learning is based around houses of the past, in particular the Victorians, and big highlights of the term include a trip to the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum and an exciting day where the children and teachers dress up and spend a day as it would be in a Victorian classroom. The term's science topic looks at sorting and using materials with the children evaluating materials to help them decide on the best materials to use for particular tasks.



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## Summer Term

The summer term begins with the children developing their speaking and listening skills through the 'Mr Benn' topic. In this topic the children join Mr Benn on his many adventures in different costumes. The children learn lots about the features of our local area through an 'eye-spy' walk which helps them to use and create maps of important places around Bordon. The skills needed for their 'eye-spy' walk are developed through the art topic for this term, where the children use viewfinders for recreating parts of famous paintings.

The topic also has a special Mr Benn dress up day where the children are invited to dress up in a fancy dress costume of their choice.

The Year 1 year ends with the 'Water, water everywhere' topic. For this topic the learning focuses around the features of Southsea and its similarities and differences with Bordon. Of course no learning about Southsea would be complete without a daytrip to visit and explore the lovely seaside area, and this trip is a great way to end the year. The topic also sees the children finding out in Science about themselves, how they change as they get older and how to keep themselves healthy.  
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