



Welcome to Year 1 Autumn 2021

We hope your child has enjoyed their start to Year 1 and is settling into the new routine and looking forward to an exciting and full year ahead.

UNIFORM

Our school uniform consists of a black or grey skirt or trousers, these should not be jersey or leggings, a white shirt or blouse and a red sweatshirt or cardigan. Children should also wear black shoes to school- trainers may be worn for PE only. Long hair should be tied back, this helps control the spread of headlice and also keeps your child's working area clear. Any hair accessories should be small and plain coloured. Jewellery and makeup are not permitted, except stud earrings. These must be covered or taken out for PE.

Please can we ask that your child's name is on **everything** - it really helps us to return items to their rightful owners!

PE

We will have PE on **Monday**. Our P.E. kit consists of our house colour t-shirt, black shorts / leggings or jogging bottoms, black top or school sweatshirt and plimsolls or trainers. We are continuing with the same procedure as last year, so please send your child to school on Monday wearing their PE kit. If they wear school shoes on Monday, please bring PE shoes to school in a separate bag.

Home Learning

Each half term we will send home a project to complete that is related to our learning in the classroom. These will come out at the beginning of the half term to give you plenty of time to complete them.

We will also be using SEESAW (an online platform) to send home weekly spellings and maths work. You will have been sent an individual password and details of how to join SEESAW separately.

Read Write Inc.

Children will continue to have a daily Read Write Inc. session, following the same format as Reception but will work on increasing their complex sounds and read books appropriate to their reading level. They will also learn to read and write words which are not phonically regular (common exception words). These daily sessions of RWI phonics last for approximately half an hour and are delivered in small groups within Key Stage 1.

Each day, your child will bring home a reading book that will match the phonic sounds that they are learning at school. This will give your child further practise with their decoding skills. They will also bring home a book that they will have chosen from the Key Stage 1 reading library. This is a book for you to share together and these books will have a sticker in the righthand corner indicating this. Hearing your child every day, alongside reading a book with them, will greatly support them to develop the reading skills they need in Year 1.

11 BEFORE 11 is back!

At Beccles Primary Academy, we commit to giving every child a minimum of 11 adventures beyond the ordinary from the time they join us in Nursery, to when they leave us in Year 6.

11 before 11 takes pupils beyond the usual, outside of the classroom, and inspires them to continue to take on new challenges. Pupils will develop different aspects of their characters, learn new skills, and find out more about themselves through the programme.

In Year 1, our 11 before 11 experience is to ride a large animal! More details to follow very soon 😊

Year 1 Curriculum

Each half term we have a different learning theme. These are as follows:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Scarf or Sandals? <i>(comparing Brazil to Canada, weather and seasons)</i>	Bright Lights, Big City <i>(London and fire of London)</i>	Memory Box <i>(recent memory of toys)</i>	Dinosaur Planet <i>(dinosaur history and Mary Anning)</i>	Beccles, Before and Beyond! <i>(School Geography and History - Local Study)</i>	Cruel and Caring Crowns <i>(kings, queens and the gunpowder plot)</i>

Trips and Experiences

All our trips and experiences tie in with our learning themes. This year we have planned:

A Brazilian Carnival, Writing to the Queen, Trip to Beccles Museum, Dinosaur Treasure Hunt, A day in school in the 1950s and a Royal Tea Party.

Exact dates will follow on the Flyer!

Parents

Each half term there will be an opportunity for parents to come into school and share in our learning. We start with a Reading Café in Autumn 1, Christmas Carols and Crafts in December, a maths café in Spring 1 followed by Easter Eggs and Art in Spring 2. In the summer term we will be inviting you in to join us for a special school day assembly and then a royal tea party.

Watch out for your invitations!

We hope that your child enjoys the challenges and excitement that Year 1 has to offer.

If you have any concerns during their time with us, then please arrange to speak to one of us either in person or by telephone.

Thank you

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Year 1 Team