



## Will my Year 1 child continue to thrive?

We know that some of you may feel anxious about your Year 1 child returning to school. We haven't forgotten that your child has not been in school for a huge part of their early schooling. The Early Years are crucial to your child's education and so we hope that the following information will reassure you and your child.

1 - Mrs Laura Waldock moved from Reception to Year 1 with your children. The children all remember Mrs Waldock and have benefited from the familiarity of a teacher. Mrs Waldock is an experienced Early Years teacher and the children will continue to thrive in her class.

2 - Our experienced support staff, Mrs Megan Keeling and Miss Elana Stevens, also moved from Early Years (EYFS) to Year 1. They know the Year 1 children incredibly well and the children will, once again, benefit from returning to people they have excellent relationships with.

3 - Mrs Emily Lile, is an experienced Early Years practitioner, and the children will continue to benefit from her strength and experience, as part of the Year 1 team. She has established an excellent relationship with the children and they will continue to thrive in her class.

4 - We have further strengthened the Year 1 Team with the addition of Mrs Nicky Owen, who is a skilled learning support assistant, who is currently specialising in the teaching of phonics. She, along with the rest of the team, will ensure that your child reaches their potential in phonics this summer.

5 - Our Year 1 provision will remain similar to our Early Years provision. This will enable the children to catch up on Early Years objectives in an appropriate way. We will, however, constantly have in mind that your child will soon be moving to Year 2 and will make sure they are prepared for this transition.



6 - Year 1 will continue to have their own dedicated outdoor learning space. This too will allow the children to learn in ways that best suit young children. The children will mix across the year group in this outdoor space.

7 - Our Year 1 team is working hard to ensure your child catches up on any learning lost in any part of the pandemic. They will continue to ensure your child meets the challenges of Year 1, whilst continuing to secure the Early Learning Goals. This EYFS-style provision enables every child to learn at their own pace and enables us to have a mixture of Reception and Year 1 learning objectives. They will also focus on preparing your child for Year 2.

8 - There will continue to be a strong emphasis on phonics, early reading and early maths from both the Reception and Year 1 curriculum. We will also ensure that we continue to deliver a broad, exciting and ambitious curriculum, where your child can gain knowledge about the world.

9 - We haven't forgotten that school needs to be fun and, although we will still have COVID rules in place, we will make sure that your child continues to enjoy every minute of the day!