



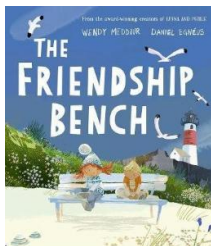
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Welcome to Year 1!

We are looking forward to a new and exciting year at Richardson Endowed Primary School.



Our learning this half term is based around the global theme **Identity and Diversity**.

We will be learning all about our school and local area in our topic: 'What is our school and local area like?'

We will be reading our core text, *The Friendship Bench*, to lead our learning and to inspire our writing lessons. Our writing in Autumn 1 will focus on applying spellings from our phonics scheme, Little Wandle, and we will also use our lovely core text to inspire and support our writing.

- In our **maths** lessons, our focus will be counting and using numbers, consolidating our number knowledge from Class R and applying this in different contexts. Please continue to support your child at home by taking opportunities to recognise numbers and practise counting in the real world.
- In our **geography** lessons, we will be learning about our school and local area.
- In **science**, our unit will be about plants where we will name the different parts, learn about wild and garden plants and identify evergreen and deciduous trees.
- In **computing**, we will be learning about online safety and technology around us.
- During **RE**, we will be learning about the Muslim faith.
- In **DT**, we will be learning about structures and making a windmill.
- In **PSHE**, we will be learning about relationships.
- In **music**, we will be singing and listening to songs, finding the beat and using glockenspiels to add accompaniments.
- In **Physical Education**, we will be practising ball skills on **Mondays**; and on **Wednesdays** we will be doing athletics.

On PE days, please ensure that your child wears their PE uniform to school and keeps it on all day. Children can wear shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings with a school-coloured t-shirt and hoodie or school jumper if cold. Please remove earrings and tie back long hair. Thank you.

Homework

We will send your child's reading book home each **Friday** for them to practise reading to you. Please continue to help and support your child with **3 reads at home per week**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us through the school office email.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rodgers and Mrs Macdonald

