



Hello and Welcome to Year One!



Timetable

We start the day with a daily phonics session, then the children will complete a Maths and an English activity every day. Sometimes this will be independent and sometimes with an adult.

We have timetabled a reading session every day. Sometimes this will be guided reading (in a group) and sometimes individual. The children will have the chance to change their reading books everyday if they need to. We will remind the children to do this but if they are not changing their book please let us know.

Children will visit the library every Tuesday. They can take two books at a time and will be able to change them both every week. If they wish to keep one or both for longer they can, they do not have to change them every week. They will still be able to visit the library even if they are not changing their book.

In the afternoons we have a daily maths meeting and we teach topic lessons and PE, Music, Computing, PSHE and RE lessons.

We have 3 exciting topics across the year, 1 per term, covering the foundation subjects: Geography, History, Science, Art, DT.

Snack

Every day we have a snack time where there is fruit available for the children. Water bottles are available throughout the day including snack time.

PE/Forest School

PE will be on a Tuesday and a Friday the children need to come to school in PE kit on these days.

Forest school and outdoor learning will be every Friday. Your child will be coming into school in their PE kit on this day but please make sure they have long trousers to put on if they have come in wearing shorts. Also as the weather changes please make sure your child has a coat and hat, scarf and gloves as appropriate. Your child will also need a pair of wellies in school for Forest School and for playing on the field when it is muddy.

During Autumn term we will be doing Bike Ability every Tuesday and then Mrs Woods or we will be taking the children for PE on a Friday. In PE this year the children will cover Gymnastics, Fundamental skills, Balance ability, Dance, Ball skills, Racket skills and Athletics.

Please can your child have a pair of shorts in school for when they are doing indoor PE once the weather gets colder. Also if possible could they have a spare pair of tracksuit bottoms or leggings in case they get wet during Forest School or Outdoor Learning.

Classroom

Our classrooms are arranged in 'areas' like your child was used to in reception. These areas allow them to engage in continuous provision.

We encourage them to be more independent e.g. doing their own coat and shoe laces up. Please only send children in trainers with laces if they can do them up. Their book bags are kept in their trays and we ask them to give us any letters.

Each class has a toilet off of our shared cloakroom. The cloakroom is where we keep their coats and any other bags. Wellies are kept outside under cover.

Phonics screening

This will take place during the week beginning the 9th June 2025 and will be done one to one with the class teacher. The children will have to read 40 words, half of which are real and half alien. We prepare the children for this by doing practise ones throughout the year.

Homework

We will be providing the children with a homework book which will have the task we have set in and which is where the homework needs to be done. We will send the homework out on a Friday and we would like it back in school by the following Wednesday.

We will continue to send home the new sounds and tricky words they will be learning in Year 1, the same as reception. Please practise these and look out for the digraphs when reading with your child.

Please read with your child at least 5 times a week and record it in their reading journal. We are no longer using Learning with Parents to record reading done at home, instead your child will have a paper reading journal. These have been ordered so will be sent home as soon as we get them. These can be filled in by anyone who hears your child read in and out of school so

it will be a complete record of your child's reading. There will be space for you to write the date, the book read and any comments you would like to make about your child's reading.

We are also introducing a Maths Monkey. He will come home with a different child each week. We would like you to record (only a few sentences) what you do with Maths monkey, for example, weigh and bake, shop with money, look at times at the cinema, adding scores, playing a game, estimating sweets in a bag, going on a shape walk, measuring and ordering heights and lengths etc. We want the children to be able to see how we use Maths in real life. We can print pictures off at school to stick in the book if you are unable too. Your child will bring the Maths Monkey home on a Friday and he doesn't need to be returned to school until the following Friday, you have him to stay for the whole week!

Tapestry

Each week we will share our wow moments. Please share any wow moments you have at home with us on Tapestry.

We only respond to messages on Tapestry during school hours. Any emergencies please contact the office.

Please remember:

- Label all school uniform and other items
- Bring a book bag every day
- Send in library books every Tuesday
- Make sure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather
- No laces unless they can do them
- Contact the office for any changes to home time pick up