

Year 1

Term 1

First of all we would like to welcome you and your child to Year 1! Just to remind you the teachers are Mrs Doherty and Miss Colverson and the Year 1 Learning Support Assistants for these classes are Mrs Kent-Smith, Miss Jefford and Mrs Foreman.

What can we discover about the UK?

We are very much looking forward to our theme this term and have lots of exciting and engaging activities planned.



Our overarching area of the world to learn about in Year 1 is the UK, so much of our learning throughout the year will link to this.

If your child has visited any interesting places in the UK including London, Northern Ireland, Wales or Scotland (and any others) we would love for you to upload some photos to Dojo.

Home learning

The home learning expectation in Year 1 is;
5-10 minutes minimum daily reading.

Weekly phonics activity.

Weekly alternating English and Maths learning.

Minimum of 20 minutes over the week on Numbots.

Topic home learning- a minimum of one activity completed over the course of the term.

Phonics

Throughout the year, we learn a number of different phonemes (groups of letters which make a sound), through daily phonics sessions. We will keep you informed of the phonemes and HRS words (harder to read or spell words) each week on Dojo.

In June, children will take part in the Phonics Screening Check.

We will run a number of phonics workshops throughout the year to keep you updated so please look out for the dates of these.



Reading



In Year 1 we encourage the children to read their school book **every day**. They may read the whole book or as many pages as they can comfortably manage. Please sign/ initial the **orange reading record** to show your child has read and indicate the page number they have got to, or write '**end**' if they have finished the whole book. Please send the book and reading record in every day, whether your child has read or not, as we aim to read with each child in school 3 times a week.

Books will continue to be changed once a week, on Thursdays.

In addition to this, they will visit the school library every Thursday to choose a book to bring home. They need to return the library book to school for the following Thursday.

Lunchtime

Children in KS1 are entitled to a free school dinner and will select their meal on the day during registration.

We currently offer hot school meals, with a vegetarian option, jacket potatoes, pasta and sandwiches (or similar).

If your child has a packed lunch, please can we remind you that children are not allowed any sweets, chocolate bars or **ANY** products containing nuts.

Children are still welcome to bring a piece of fruit in for snack at playtime, which they will eat on the playground.



PE



Outdoor PE will be on Mondays and indoor PE will be on Wednesdays. Your child will need a t-shirt in their house colour, black or white trainers, black jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts and a black jumper. Your child will come to school dressed in their PE kit on their PE days. No jewellery is permitted and we cannot remove any earrings so please ensure you do this on these days. All children with long hair must have it tied back for PE. Also, if your child cannot tie their own laces, can we please ask you to provide them with velcro trainers.

Our new outdoor space

As mentioned on Dojo, our new outdoor space fences are delayed in arriving. We are going to be using the outdoor space for enhanced learning activities, which children will be able to take part in at various times of the day as part of 'Shine Time'. Shine time is the new Year 1 adaptation of Discovery Time in Year R.

This area therefore will be inaccessible at drop off and collection times. We know it has been handy to use to shelter from the rain, so please remember to bring an umbrella on wet days and we will of course, let the children in slightly earlier if the weather is particularly bad.

Reminders



Please provide your child with a named **water bottle** (with a sports lid) for them to use in the classroom.

Please make sure all items of uniform, including bags are **clearly named** so that any misplaced items can be returned to your child easily.

Please could we ask for all **toys** and other home belongings to remain at home. Bringing toys to school can cause disagreements and upset, especially if they get lost or broken.

Can we also ask you to limit the number of keyrings on children's bags- their bags will now be in the corridor on pegs.

Children will need a named rain jacket in school every day.

We are very keen to continue to work with you to ensure we get the very best out of your child and that they have a wonderful Year 1 experience, so please feel free to ask any questions you may have.

Please use Dojo to communicate with your child's teacher. If you need to meet to have a discussion, please make an appointment via the office.

Please report any absence or changes to collection through the office directly.

We are only able to respond to Dojo messages between **7:30am** and **5:30pm** so please don't expect a reply outside of these hours. We are also unable to reply over the weekend or during school holidays.

Any messages requiring action during the school day need to go through the office so they don't get missed.

We are looking forward to a great year! Thank you for your support!

The Year 1 Team