

Welcome to Year 1



Information for Parents 2022-2023

A message from my new teacher...

I am really looking forward to teaching you next year and getting to know you all. We have lots of exciting topics and activities planned. In Year 1, we will continue to work hard and learn lots of new things. I expect you to try your best, work hard and respect your learning, self and others. Have a fantastic holiday and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Mrs Thompson

Homework is given on a **Friday** and is linked to core English and Maths skills. This homework is due back on **Wednesday**. Spelling homework as part of our Grand Spell is given out every Friday for the test on Wednesday.

Picking your child up at the end of the day - All children **MUST** be picked up by an adult from the Year 1 door at 3:15pm.
Please collect your child on time.

Reading Bags

Reading books should be brought into school each day.



Lower School Teaching staff:

Miss Nield, Miss Shaw, Mr Beasley, Miss O'Hara and Mrs Thompson

Lower School Support staff:

Mrs Kelly, Mrs Chadwick, Miss Moore, Mrs Khanom, Mrs Bibi, Mrs Sultana, Mrs Ahmed and Mrs Chowdhury

Phase Leader: Mrs Hilton

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.



General Information:

- Your child's class is 1T
- In the first few weeks, your child will sit in a team with 3 or 4 other children. Teams will change each half term so children can learn how to work cooperatively with all members of the class.
- Lunchtime will be at 11.30am until 12:30pm. In the afternoon, we will have a playtime at 1:45pm.
- In Year 1, children will be offered a piece of fruit to eat each day. They can also choose to have milk if they wish.
- Children in 1T will have two sessions of PE each week. For **indoor PE**, children will need to wear a t-shirt in their house colour, black shorts or leggings and black pumps with brown soles. For **outdoor PE**, children will need to wear a t-shirt in their house colour, black jogging bottoms or shorts and trainers. Children can also wear a sweatshirt in their house colour or a plain black one. PE kit should not be sports branded. On PE days, your child will need to come into school wearing their PE kit. Your child's black pumps need to be kept in school in a pump bag on their peg. Teachers will share with children the days in which they will have PE at the start of every half term.
- In Year 1, we have a café on a Friday which children can bring 50p for.

How can I help my child to be successful at school?



Each half term you will receive a 'Knowledge Organiser' topic overview sheet. Please work through this with your child – especially learning the key facts and vocabulary.

In Year 1, we will be working on learning and recalling number bonds for each number to 10. Children are also expected to know the subtraction facts related to each of these bonds. Please ask your child to recall their number bonds out of order. Your child needs to be able to 'instantly' recall bonds without working them out.

You can also support your child's learning by helping them to prepare for their weekly Grand Spell and Power Planets tests.

The age-appropriate phonics phase for the start of Year 1 is to recap phase 4 before starting phase 5. A list of common exception words for your child's year group will be given to you, please help your child to learn to spell these.

The age-appropriate reading book band for the start of Year 1 is Yellow (Stage 3) or Set 12 of the phonics reading books. By the end of the year, your child should be on, or beyond, orange book band (Stage 6). Reading, understanding and using many words, is the best skill your child can learn to help them succeed in life.

What else can I do at home to help my child in their learning?

- Read! Some great books to borrow from the library are books by the authors Martin Waddell, David McKee, Judith Kerr and Oliver Jeffers.
- Help your child to learn to read and spell the Year 1 common exception words. Please practise these with your child and let us know when they have learnt them all!
- In addition, please begin learning the first half terms Grand Spell words.
- Enjoy spending the summer together whilst playing outside, visiting your local library, going for a walk in the park or visit some other places of interest. We would love to hear about where you have been.

Please encourage your child to use the pack included with this leaflet and support them in getting ready for the next school year.



Year 1 Maths Skills

Counting

Your child needs to be able to count forwards and backwards from 0 to 100. They need to learn to count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10.

Age-appropriate skills for your child:

- Find 1 more and 1 less for numbers within 100
- Recall of number bonds to 20
- Add and subtract within 20
- Name common 2D and 3D shapes
- Name the days of the week
- Tell the time to the hour and half hour.



Please practise with your child.

Writing in Year 1

Your child will continue to develop their writing skills during the year. By the end of Year 1, your child should be able to:

- Use the connective 'and' to join words and sentences
- Use capital letters and full stops
- Begin to use exclamation marks and question marks
- Use capital letters for names and I
- Leave a space between words
- Form letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place.

Work on these skills during the year to help your child.

