

## A message from my new teacher...

Hello,

We can't wait to get to know you when you start in 1DN in September! In Year One, we learn in lots of different, fun and exciting ways. As your teachers, we expect that you will work hard, try your best and respect your learning. In Year One, reading is very important and you must bring your book-bag into school every day. Over the summer break, you could join your local library and see what amazing books they have to offer. Enjoy the holidays and we will see you back in school in September.

Miss Nield and Mrs Davies

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 every 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 3:20pm.

Please collect your child on time.

### Reading Bags

Reading books should be brought into school each day.



### Lower School Teaching staff:

Miss Nield, Mrs Davies, Mrs Rehman, Miss O'Hara, Mrs Ellis Radahd and Mrs Berry.

### Lower School Support staff:

Mrs Ahmed, Mrs Chowdhury, Mrs Israr, Miss Schumann, Miss Rafique, Miss Sadique, Miss Bhatti, Mrs Mahmood and Ms Whelan.

**Phase Leader:** Miss Nield

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



## Welcome to Year 1



## Information for Parents 2025-2026

### General Information:

- **Your child's class is 1DN**
- 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 11.45am until 12:45pm. 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. Children can bring a bottle containing water to school each day.
- Children in 1DN will have two sessions of PE each week. For **indoor PE**, children will need to wear a t-shirt in their house colour with the school logo, 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 with the school logo, black jogging bottoms or shorts and trainers. Children can also wear a purple zipped hoody with the school logo or their school jumper.
- 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 named pump bag on their peg. You will be notified at the start of every half term about which day they will have PE. This information can also be found on the school website.
- 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' for an area of learning. 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 Phase 4 Set 2. By the end of the year, your child should be on, or beyond, Phase 5 Set 4. 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 term's 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 resources 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.

