

WELCOME TO YEAR 1!

SEPTEMBER 2023



Teachers	Teaching Assistants
<p>Mrs Anderson - 1 Oak (Head of year)</p> <p>Miss Marks and Miss Rahman - 1 Maple</p> <p>Miss Wells - 1 Hazel</p>	<p>Mrs Knubley</p> <p>Mrs Campbell</p> <p>Mrs Glenister</p> <p>Miss Davies</p>

Assistant Headteachers: Mrs Blair and Mrs Toyer

In Year 1 we begin teaching the National Curriculum. We build on the work taught during Foundation Stage to ensure a smooth and happy transition.

We incorporate some whole class teaching, independent, small group activities and teacher directed tasks, and we certainly don't expect the children to all be sitting doing one task for a whole lesson!

We continue to include lots of practical, first hand, experiences and games with plenty of opportunities to 'learn through play' to help maintain interest, develop language skills and understanding of topics.



Uniform for Years 1 -6

School Uniform should be selected from the following items:

- Light grey trousers/knee-length grey skirt/grey shorts or grey pinafore dress (not black)
- Red V-neck pullover/cardigan with school logo
- White shirt (Yrs 1 & 2 children may wear a white polo shirt)
- Black, scarlet and gold tie (optional for Yrs 1 & 2)
- Grey or white socks/black or grey tights
- Black shoes / trainers (not boots)
- Black, white or red headscarves may be worn. They should be ready-made and suitable for outdoor activities and PE.



In the summer term children may wear:

- Red & white summer dress or playsuit (knee-length)
- Black or white cycling shorts or leggings under summer dresses maybe worn
- Light grey shorts
- White or black sandals (with a back and socks)
- Polo shirt (no tie required)

PE & Sports Uniform:

- Plain black / white trainers
- Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt
- Black shorts
- Black tracksuit (for cold weather)



No logos, stripes, brand names or pictures please on any uniform - particularly PE.

GENERAL REMINDERS



Please **label everything** that belongs to your child, especially jumpers and coats.



Please only use a book bag for your child to transport their reading book and learning log between school and home.

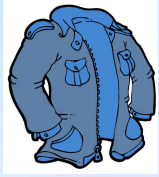


It is very important that you send in a named water bottle everyday (no juice please). These bottles can be refilled during the day.



Fruit snack is provided every day in school. You may choose to send in a piece of fruit for your child if you prefer but no other snacks please.

GENERAL REMINDERS



Please send a named coat in every day, including on PE days.



Pencil cases are not needed in Year 1. All the stationery the children will need is provided by school.



For health and safety reasons, only small stud earrings are permitted. On PE days please remove your child's earrings or stick plasters over them.

Wellington boots are not needed in school.



GENERAL REMINDERS



Show and Tell: On a Friday a group of children can bring in something to show the class. The children will be told each week which table group has the turn and this will be shared on ClassDojo too.



You are welcome to send in treats when it is your child's birthday. However, please remember that there are 30 children in each class, so ensure you send in enough for each child to have a treat in your child's class. Please only send in treats that are suitable for all. **No treats containing nuts or gelatine or lollipops are to be sent in.**



During the year there will be some clubs available for your child to attend. Details of these will be shared with you nearer the times. These may include phonics, sports or the arts.



PE

The children are asked to come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE and will remain in their PE kit at school on these days. A plain black tracksuit worn over black shorts and a white T-shirt with white or black trainers.

PE will be on **Monday** and **Friday** for every year 1 class.

READING BOOKS:

Reading records will be checked by a member of staff on a Friday with two new books sent home each Friday.
We appreciate any comments you add to your child's reading record.

At school, children will read a variety of texts during lessons (on screen, texts shared with the class/with a group as well as independently and during library time).

The children also read a set text, in a group, to a member of staff three times during the week. This is then shared with you as an ebook through ECollins.

Children's progress in reading is monitored closely and they will be moved up the reading scheme according to their progress in reading as a whole, not just based on individual books.

As part of our homework we expect all children to read at home with an adult a minimum of three times a week, preferably five, with reading records signed.

Reading with your child is so important; don't feel restricted by their school reading book, read everything and anything! Enjoy this special time with your child and take the time to discuss the books and help develop comprehension and understanding.



2023/2024 Reading Challenge.

If you love reading and want to challenge yourself, Reading Champions is for you!

The challenge is to read all 20 books from your Year group list.

If you complete this then you will be awarded with a Reading Champion badge to wear with pride.

The lists will be in reading records for parents / teachers to sign as you read each book.

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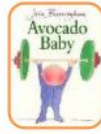
Rainbow Fish
Marcus Pfister



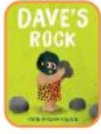
Can't you sleep
little Bear?
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The Elephant
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Elfrida Vipont



Avocado Baby
John
Burningham



Dave's Rock
Frann Preston-
Gannon



Knuffle
Bunny
Mo Willems



Cops and
Robbers
Janet and Alan
Ahlberg



Cave Baby
Julia Donaldson
and Emily
Gravett



I Want My Hat
Back
Jon Klassen



The Odd Egg
Emily Gravett



Dinosaurs and all
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Rubbish
Michael Foreman



Pig the Pug
Aaron Blabey



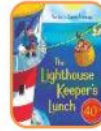
The Detective Dog
Julia Donaldson



The Cat in the
Hat
Dr Seuss



My Friend Bear
Jez Alborough



The Lighthouse
Keeper's Lunch
Ronda and David
Armitage



A Dark, Dark
Tale
Ruth Brown



Cinnamon
Neil Gaiman



And Tango Makes
Three
Justin Richardson



We will be using Class Dojo in Year 1, however, it will be used slightly differently to how it was used in Foundation Stage. Further details will follow in September once the children have settled into their new classes.



We will be setting homework every Friday. Homework tasks will include:

- 1.) A maths task set on My Maths (your child will get a log in and instructions for how to access this).
- 2.) A phonics/spelling task linked to sounds/words covered during the week.
- 3.) You will be expected to read three times a week with your child and sign the Reading Record.

You could also continue to send in any photos or clips of any practical work through class Dojo if you wish.

Handwriting in Year 1

How to Write Letters

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

twinkl.com

This is the handwriting formation that we will be teaching from September which follows on from the formation taught in Foundation Stage.

FURTHER UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Each half term we share a Year 1 Newsletter which provides you with news and information about the half terms learning.

We also share information with you regularly during the year through use of Class Dojo, ParentMail and our Web page.

Thank you for your support!

We look forward to working with you to ensure a successful experience in Year 1 for your child.

