



Year 1 Parents Information

Members of staff

Blackbirds: Miss Francis (Class teacher Mon-Weds), Mrs Clarke (Class teacher Thu & Fri), Mrs Bruder (Teaching assistant)

Finches: Mrs Potts (Class teacher Mon-Weds), Mrs Beight (Class teacher Thu & Fri), Mrs Smethurst and Mrs Birchell (Teaching assistants)

Our aims

To give children a positive introduction to the National Curriculum. To build upon EYFS learning strategies (Autumn term) and develop children's learning behaviour to reflect good progress against the Year One curriculum whilst preparing them for learning in Year Two. It is our expectation that the children come into school preparing to 'live' the school values:

- Building resilience
- Inspiring curiosity
- Developing teamwork and independence
- Instilling empathy

Topics

Autumn – Amazing Adventures

Spring – Our Wonderful World

Summer – Ready, Steady, Grow!

Pick up and drop off arrangements

The classroom door opens for the children at 8:40am. The register closes at 8.55am after which time children should be taken to the office and registered. At the end of the day, parents should stand in the infant playground in view of their child's classroom. Adults will release children to their parents. If you have alternative pick up arrangements please let the class teacher or teaching assistant know as a list of these are kept in class. The teachers and teaching assistants are available to talk at these times but if you would like longer to discuss your child's learning or well-being then please arrange a meeting.

Homework

Homework passports are sent out at the beginning of a half term. The children should choose at least **4** activities and complete them at home. They should then bring in evidence to add into their folders (which will be kept at school). Near the end of each half term we will spend time looking through the children's folders and celebrating the learning that they have done at home. Please note we will be focusing on developing the children's use of cursive handwriting in Year 1. This is something they can practise when working at home.

Reading – We expect a minimum of **4** reads per week but encourage you to read every day with your child. Please sign and date in your child's reading diary when you do. They should have their reading diaries in their book bags every day so that they can be checked by an adult. Please note that children

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reading pink, red, yellow, blue, green or orange book band books should read these books three times before they are changed.

Maths – Whilst we do not set formal Maths homework, we do expect the children to practise their maths fluency skills at home. It is helpful for children to practise counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and to practise number bonds to 10 initially and then to 20. Number bonds are sets of two numbers which add together to make another number. For example 7+0, 6+1, 5+2, 4+3, 3+4. 2+5, 1+6, 0+7 are all number bonds to 7.

Phonics – Children will soon begin to bring home the new phonics they are learning in Year One. Please note some of these are alternative pronunciations or spellings of sounds that they have already learnt in Reception and so they can be looked at alongside these. We will also indicate to you which words we are focusing on spelling accurately. Year 1 children are expected to spell the Year 1 common exception words accurately by the end of the year.

Equipment

Children in Year 1 do not need to bring in individual stationary or pencil cases, however donations to the class for glue sticks and whiteboard pens are gratefully received. The children should have a Worplesdon School book bag and P.E. bag. Back packs should not be used until the children are in the juniors. Children should only have **1 small keyring** attached to their book bags as these need to be stored in shared drawers in the classroom.

P.E.

P.E. is taught on Tuesday or Wednesday and Friday. No jewellery should be worn and if children have earrings, they must be able to remove them themselves or they must be removed before school. Please provide a small container if children will be removing earrings themselves at school. P.E. kits should be in school every day, in case a child needs to change for another reason. Please ensure they container jogging bottoms for the Winter months and spare socks for girls wearing tights. They will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed.

Trips

Year 1 will be going on their school trip during either the end of the Spring term or in the Summer term. We are currently confirming the details and will send these out to you as soon as possible.

Assessment

During the Summer term in Year 1 children will take a phonics screening test. This is to assess the children's use of the phonics taught. They will be asked to read 20 real and 20 'alien' or 'nonsense' words which contain taught phonics and must read a set number correctly to pass the screening. Those who do not pass the screening will retake this in Year 2.

If you have any queries throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact us!