

What to expect in Year 1

Homework

- Reading- children are expected to read at home as often as possible (at least 4 times per week). Reading should be noted in Homework Planners by parents and one of these reading activities will have a comprehension focus. Children will be reminded to change their reading books independently, when they have finished reading their book.
- English homework is sent out Friday and due on Wednesday.
- Spellings are sent out half termly and tested on Tuesdays.
- 'Maths in Minutes' is sent home Monday-Thursday. This is intended as no more than 5-10 minutes problem solving which children will follow up in class the following day.
- Numbots - complete a minimum of 20 mins per week at home.
- Children will take home a share with me book that they choose from the class library and a reading book inline with their Read Write Inc . knowledge.

Communication

- Teachers are available on the playground at the end of the day. The headteacher and office staff are available in the morning so a very brief message can be passed over. Anything beyond a brief message can be discussed through a meeting with the teacher, which can be set up through the school office.
- Homework Planners will be checked by teachers daily.
- Parents/carers can call or email teachers via the school office. The teacher will respond by the end of the following school day. If not, the office will inform a response will take longer and/or arrange another member of staff to call back.
- Please inform the class teacher via the planner or the school office if your child is being picked up by somebody they don't go home with ie. another parent. Passwords will be used to allow pupils to go home with another adult.

Academic expectations for the year

- Homework Planners provide National Curriculum objectives in English and Maths as well as the statutory spelling list. Curriculum information is provided on the school website. Termly overviews are sent to parents/carers via School email prior to the start of the topics and these are also found on the school website.

Changes from previous year

- The children will have class assemblies Monday-Wednesday and Friday. Thursday is a singing assembly and Friday is a celebration assembly.
- Children in Year 1 will have a scheduled morning and lunch break. In the afternoon the teacher may take their own class out for a short break depending on the timetabled lessons.

Additional Information

- PE kit is to be brought in on Monday and will be sent home on Friday for washing.
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school each day as they are encouraged to access water throughout the day. NO juice please (unless this is with their packed lunch).

Tests/Assessments

- Children will have a weekly spelling test on a Tuesday.
- Children have their Phonics Screening during June 2023. Throughout the year, children will undertake half term assessments. These will form part of the school's assessment.
- Classes will complete internal NFER tests during Spring and Summer terms, which are used to track progress and as a support for teacher assessments.

How parents can support pupils

- Children of all ages are encouraged to read aloud to someone at home. This not only increases reading fluency and speed, but can generate discussions about the text and unknown vocabulary, which will further reinforce your child's understanding.
- Parents' Writing Workshops will be held in Autumn 2022.
- Read Write Inc sounds will be sent home weekly to practice along with tricky words and blending activities.

Start/End of the school day

- All children across school will have the same drop off and collection time. The Year 1 entrance window is 0835-0845 and the collection is 1515.