

# Welcome to Year One



## Chestnut

Mrs Lowe and Mrs Hope  
Mrs Taheri Mrs Palser



## Cherry

Miss Byrnes and Mrs Smith  
Mrs Plant



## Expectations and Events

We are here to work with you to help your children, please contact us if there is anything we can do to help you.

# Topics

Autumn Term: Imaginative me!  
Toys



Spring Term: The UK



Summer Term: Planet Protectors  
Dinosaurs



# Trips and visitors



Autumn Term: Horsham Museum Toys workshop



Spring Term: Local visit



Summer Term: Tilgate Nature Centre - science focus



# Assessment



## External:

### Phonics Screening Check - June 2025

- Each pupil reads 40 real/pseudo words 1:1 with their teacher.
- All words phonologically plausible using knowledge of sounds taught in YR and Y1.

## Internal:

On-going formative assessment

Regular Song of Sounds phonics assessments

# Homework



- Daily reading
- Learning new and revisiting previous Tricky Words
- Alternating 20 minutes of Numbots/Sumdog each week (Week A and Week B) Passwords are in their green homework books - please make a note of these so you have access to them at home if we have their homework books at school.

# Reading



- Prioritising reading every day will have the biggest impact on your child's progress.
- Send their book bags with their books into school everyday. We change books on a Monday.
- Write in reading journal every time you read.
- Use the reading guide we sent home.

# P.E.



Cherry Class: Monday and Wednesday

Chestnut Class: Monday and Thursday

Please come to school in PE kit, trainers and NO jewellery/earrings.

Autumn 1 - Chestnut will take part in Kicks Dance sessions

Autumn 2 - Cherry will take part in Kicks Dance sessions

The sessions might change half termly- we will communicate the changes through Parentmail.

# Rewards and Sanctions



- House points: in recognition on positive behaviour in the classroom and around school. These points add into the whole school house point system.
- Merit points: individual rewards for exemplary work and behaviour. Children will need to gain 44 Merits to achieve their Bronze/Silver/Gold/Star Awards.
- Reward Ladder: In the classroom, recognition of great behaviour - reach the top and gain a Merit Point. Also, helps to remind children to think about the choices they are making.
- Rainbow Challenge: To encourage children to access all areas of learning in the classroom. Visit all 6 areas of learning and they will get a certificate to celebrate their success.



# Social Media



We know that social media is a major part of everyday lives, please be vigilant around the ways in which your child is using technology.

Some resources that may help:

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>
- <https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Parental-Controls-booklet-2023.pdf>

# How can you help?



- Reading - as much as possible
- Maths - counting
- Phonics/spelling
- Handwriting - use letter join to practise letter formation
- Encourage as much independence as possible in the mornings
- Autumn Term Newsletter
- Be positive
- Attend school events
- 'Friends' contact for the class
- Tell school if there are issues
- Email - respond within 2 working days  
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