

Welcome to Year One



Miss Ogley, Mrs Sherwood, Miss Taylor
Mrs Jones, Mrs Palser, Mrs Burton and Mrs Lamb

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: Fire and Ice (Great Fire of London and the Arctic)

Spring term: Dreamtime Tales (Australia)



Summer term: Into the Blue



Trips and visitors



Autumn Term: Perform for Schools (Great Fire of London)

Spring Term: Locality walk

Spring Term: Australia day (baking in school)

Summer Term: Wakehurst Place

Rewards and Sanctions



- House points: For recognition of 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 award. Then it will be repeated for their Silver/Gold/Platinum Awards.
- Values stickers: Children will be rewarded with stickers that reflect our school values. These are: Be Kind, Be Creative, Be Courageous.

P.E.



Butterfly class: Monday and Wednesday (Sports Stars)

Dragonfly class: Thursday and Wednesday (Sports Stars)

Ladybird class: Friday and Wednesday (Sports Stars)

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

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

Homework



- Daily reading (10 - 15 minutes)
- Weekly spelling list (a copy in homework books and you can choose to play games on spelling shed to learn these words) - 10 minutes
- Weekly Numbots/Sumdog games/quizzes - 10 minutes
- Passwords will be 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



When should the children change their books?

- Monday mornings children will choose 2 books from their book band box e.g. turquoise
- Daily, children will choose a book from the class reading corner to enjoy at home

How should I record my child's reading?

- Write in their reading diary each time they read. It's helpful to see what the children have read and if they have faced any challenges. We will be collecting diaries in on Monday mornings to look at and sign.

Regular practise of reading Year R and 1 common exception words will support reading fluency (little and often makes the greatest impact!)

Assessment



External:

Phonics Screening Check - June 2026

- 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

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?



- Read and sign the 'Home-School Agreement'
- 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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