

**Belong, grow, love to learn,
cherish memories, shine together!**



Welcome to Year 1



Meet the Team



Teacher – Mrs Kirman (Mrs Nicholds on Fridays)

Teaching Assistant – Mrs Pedley (every morning)
Mrs Lyons
Miss Singleton



Our Timetable



Year 1 Timetable					Autumn 1							
	8:45- 9:30		9:30- 10:30		10:30- 10:45	10:45- 11	11 - 12:15		12:15- 1:15	1:15- 2:15	2:00-2:45	2:45- 3:05
MONDAY	Weekend News	WoW Assembly	Phonics (15 mins)		BREAK	Mastering Number	Literacy / Topic		LUNCH	PE – Onside	Topic	My Happy Minds
TUESDAY	Handwriting	9.05 – 9.20 Reading	Phonics (15 mins)	Maths		Mastering Number	Literacy / Topic			Science (LK)		Assembly / Reading Buddies
WEDNESDAY	Handwriting	Phonics (15 mins)	Maths			Mastering Number	Literacy / Topic			Computing (HL)		Assembly / Sharing KOs
THURSDAY	Handwriting	9.05 – 9.20 Reading	Phonics (15 mins)	Maths		Mastering Number	Literacy / Topic			PE (AT)	Music (BM)	Class Assembly
FRIDAY	Creative Writing	9.05 – 9.20 Reading	Phonics (15 mins)	Mental Arithmetic test/ KIRFs practise		Mastering Number	Geography			Art (BH)		Singing Assembly



Afternoon Subject Teachers



Science – Mrs Kirman

Art – Mrs Houghton

D.T. – Mrs Martin

Music – Mr Mansell

P.E. – Mrs Timms / Onside Coaching

R.E. – Miss Johnson

PSHE – Miss Johnson

Computing – Mrs Longfield



Our Topics



Autumn – Fairy Tales

Spring – Childhood

Summer – Modern Monarchs

For more information about what we will cover in each of these topics, please see the Knowledge Organisers which are on the Year 1 page of the website. Our page can be found under the *Classes* tab.



Foundation Subjects Curriculum



For more information about what we will cover in each of the foundation subjects, please see the subject pages of the website. These can be found through the *Curriculum* tab, and then by selecting the subject which you wish to find out more about. All information on these pages is completely up-to-date.

Information on these pages includes long-term overviews, as well as progression documents and more.



Feedback on Learning



We have many opportunities for feedback about your child's learning over the course of the year. These include:

- Autumn Term Parents' Evening
- Spring Term Parents' Evening
- Interim Report in February
- Full Report in July
- Termly Assessment Results sent home
- Termly Celebration of Learning Events

Year 1 extra – Phonic screening scores throughout the year



Curriculum Enrichment



Autumn Term

Rock Kidz PSHE day

Rudolph Run

Christmas Performance

Pantomime Trip (approx. £20)

Spring Term

Book Week

Reading Event

St Johns House Trip (approx. £10-£15 depending on PTA contribution)

World Book Day

Summer Term

Year 1 Class Assembly

Speakfest



Homework Expectations



Optional Homework Tasks – termly

Reading – daily (minimum 4x weekly)

Phonics workbooks – weekly (do not need to be returned)

Mathletics – weekly (returned on Mondays)

KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) – half termly

Copies of Knowledge Organisers, Optional Homework Tasks, Spellings and KIRFs can all be found on our class page of the website.



Phonics



Phonics Checks are standardised tests taken by all Year 1 children in June each year.

The children sound out and blend 40 real and nonsense words to assess their reading ability.

The children are used to reading words in this way as part of classroom practice. We do practice tests throughout the year so children are used to the format, and ready for the final check in June.

More information and an example of what the 40 words will look like are in your pack. The words in the second half of the screening include sounds that the children learn in year 1, and therefore we would not expect them to be able to read those words at this stage.

To help your child – READ, READ, READ!



House Keeping



Uniform: please see the *Uniform* page of the website, which can be found under *Parents*

P.E. Days: Mondays and Thursdays

Please can we have wellies brought into school for when the weather gets wetter.

Snack: Children can bring in a healthy snack. School snack is available each day as well.

Pinch and Flip

A simple way to a great pencil grip!

Small
Steps
Big
Progress!

At school we use 'Pinch and Flip' to help children develop a comfortable and effective pencil grip.

1 Pinch



Pinch the pencil using your thumb and index finger, about 2 cm from the tip.

2 Flip



Flip the pencil back into the web space between your thumb and index finger.

3 You're ready to write!



The pencil should now rest on your middle finger, with your thumb and index finger controlling the movement.

Why is a good pencil grip important?

- ★ Helps develop fine motor skills and hand strength.
- ★ Improves pencil control and handwriting accuracy.
- ★ Helps form letters and numbers more easily.
- ★ Allows children to write for longer without their hand becoming tired.
- ★ Builds confidence and independence in writing and drawing.

Fun ways to help at home

-  Playdough
-  Threading beads
-  Using tweezers
-  Cutting with scissors
-  Colouring and drawing
-  Building with small construction materials



Remember...

Developing a pencil grip takes time. Regular, fun practice will help your child build the strength, control and confidence they need for successful handwriting.



Thank you for supporting your child's handwriting development at home!



Little Hands  Brighter Futures 



Keep in touch!



-Door in the morning

-On the playground at the end of the day

-Email admin2043@welearn365.com or call 01789 720317

-Arrange a meeting

-Check Reach More Parents

-Read our bi-weekly newsletter