

## **Our Day**

The doors to the classrooms will be open from 8.50 and will close at 9.00am promptly. If you arrive after this time you will have to drop your child off at the school office and will receive a late mark.

### **Playtime**

Your child will be provided with a healthy snack. If you would like to supplement this with a snack from home you can but please make sure it is a healthy option.

If your child would like milk please contact the school office as this has to be arranged and paid for via an external website.

### **Lunch**

Your child is entitled to a free lunch. This has to be booked via the school hub website. Meals must be ordered before 9.30 each morning. If a lunch is not ordered the office will ring you and ask you to bring in a packed lunch.



### **End of the Day**

The doors will open at 3.20 and your child will be dismissed to a designated adult. If somebody different is due to pick up your child it is essential that you let us know. The doors and the playground gate will close at 3.30pm and any child still left in class will be taken to the school office.

### **Homework**

Homework will be sent out weekly. It will be collected on a Wednesday. It will then be marked and returned with a new piece of homework on a Thursday. Regular revisiting of topics have been proven to embed learning.

## **Wednesday PE**

Your child can come to school wearing their PE kit - joggers/leggings, t-shirt and blue hoody. Any earrings will have to be covered with a plaster during PE.

We will have additional P.E. sessions that will be high intensity. These sessions are designed to get our hearts racing. We will not be getting changed for these sessions. These will take place in the dance studio, field, playground or the classroom.

### **Reading**

We place a huge importance on the fundamental skill of being able to read. Phonics sessions are taught daily.

The expectation in Year 1 is that you listen to your child read on at least three different occasions over the week. Please ensure you record in their reading record every time you do. On a Wednesday we will collect in your child's reading record to ensure this is happening. For each week you reach this target your child will gain a stamp on the chart at the front of their reading record and when the chart is completed they will be able to choose a small prize.

Book boxes will be available daily for your child to change their reading book when they require. This will be their first job of the day. Books that have been returned will be placed in a basket and a new book will be selected by your child from the box that they have been allocated.

We will aim to listen to your child read twice a week. Once reading their own reading book and once during a guided reading session with a shared text.



## **Welcome to Year 1**

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## **The Staff**

Welcome to the Year One team.

Unlike the Reception class we work in two separate classrooms. Within each classroom there is a class teacher and a teaching assistant. Miss Munday/Miss Lamb and Mr Sillito in one classroom and Mrs Blackburn and Mrs Coulson in the other.

On a Wednesday, whilst the class teachers have planning time, the children will have a PE session with Mr Hoare and either a music or computing session Miss Sanderson.

Over lunchtimes the children are supervised by our lovely lunchtime supervisors.



Tara Blackburn



Lucy Coulson



Steve Hoare



Chloe Sanderson



Claire Munday



Becky Lamb



Seb Sillito

## Introduction

In Year 1 we want your child to be settled, happy, independent and having fun!

We strongly believe that your child's happy education is a partnership between home and school. Nothing is perfect and things can sometimes go wrong. It is really important that you come and speak to us if you have any queries or concerns so that we can sort them out quickly.

## Our Curriculum

### Work hard Play Hard

In Year 1, our curriculum is taught through a combination of hands on and more formal approaches using the National Curriculum as a planning guide. This year we are following the Literacy Tree scheme for literacy and for maths we will be following Master the Curriculum.

Every afternoon, if all their jobs are completed, the children will spend time initiating their own learning. During this time they will have the opportunity to mix with their friends from the other Year One class.

### Donations

To enhance your child's education and support our classroom activities - woods session, baking, crafts etc... we ask for a donation of £10. Like Reception we also kindly ask for children to bring in a box of tissues at the start of the year. This can be handed to your child's class teacher.

## You Will Need

### Every day -

**Book bag** containing their reading record and a reading book - Your child may be listened to read at anytime.

**Waterproof coat** - we go out whatever the weather.

**Drinks bottle** - this will come home every day to be refilled. Please encourage your child to drink water rather than juice.

### To Stay in School -

**Wellies** - These will stay in school. During playtimes the children are able to go on the playing field as long as they are wearing wellies.

**A full change of clothes** - this will stay on their pegs just incase they have an accident. Please bring this in a drawstring bag.

### On their Woods Day -

Children come to school dressed in their woods clothes - joggers/leggings, long sleeved t-shirt, fleece and trainers without laces.

**Miss Munday/Miss Lamb's class - Tuesday**

**Mrs Blackburn's class - Thursday**

### **Waterproof coat and trousers -**

We will go into the woods whatever the weather so it is essential that your child has a set of waterproof trousers and coat. We ask that woods kit is left in school, it will be sent home each half term to wash!

## Tapestry



Like Reception we use Tapestry as a platform to show you what your child gets up to during their time in school.

In Year One we often set challenges which your child can do to earn tokens, provide you with video links of clips that your child may have watched in class or links to interactive games to help your child consolidate learning that has taken place over the day.

We have found that the children who make the most progress within school are the children whose parents regularly interact with Tapestry.

Knowing what your child is learning about enables you to have conversations which will support and further their learning.

So we know you have seen our posts all we ask is that you press 'like'. If need to send us a message via Tapestry we aim to reply to any messages or comments between school hours.

If you would like to add posts to show us what your child gets up to out of school hours we would love to see them.

Providing these home school links enable us to strengthen relationships with your child as they love it when we mention something about what they have been up to at home.