

Welcome to Year 1



The Year 3 Teaching Team

Class Teacher: Mrs Stiby

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Luker

PPA cover: Miss Costello (Tuesday morning/afternoon)

The Essentials!



PE days are **Thursdays** and **Fridays**

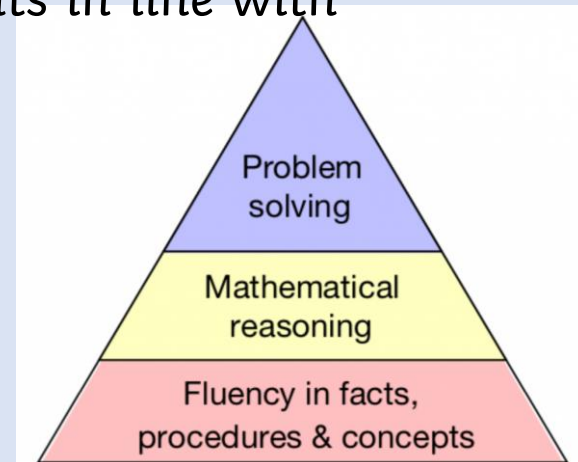
- Please can all children bring a P.E kit to school that will be sent home at the end of the term for washing.
- Our PE uniform is as follows:
 - a plain white (with or without school logo) polo top,
 - a royal blue jumper or cardigan,
 - plain black (no logos/ brands/ stripes) shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms,
 - trainers not daps.
- Please ensure earrings are removed or covered with tape on days children will be undertaking PE lessons.
- Please could all sweatshirts, cardigans, coats, hats etc. be named.
- Please bring your reading books, your reading bookmark and a named water bottle (containing only water) to school every day.

The Curriculum



Maths

- We follow the Year 1 objectives from the New National Curriculum.
- Maths is taught following the White Rose small steps which break down the NC objectives into teaching steps.
- There is a focus on Fluency, Problem Solving and Reasoning to ensure exposure to different styles of questions.
- We start to practise arithmetic questions from the Spring term.
- We use Doodle Maths to set weekly assignments in line with the current Maths unit.



The Curriculum



Writing

- We follow the Year 1 writing objectives from the New National Curriculum.
- Grammar objectives will be taught through writing.
- Writing will be linked to the theme/class book where appropriate.
- There is a focus on editing throughout the school.

Phonics

In Year 1 we have daily Read Write Inc lessons.

Children are assessed at the end of every half term and are grouped accordingly. Books are usually changed every 3-4 sessions depending on which group they are in so please ensure books are brought into school daily.

Phonics Screen Check takes place at the beginning of Term 6. We will prepare the children with practise sessions over the year so for them it will appear usual and familiar.

Reading at home

Reading is the access to all learning. All children are expected to have 4 x reads at home recorded on their bookmark weekly. These are collected and counted every Friday.

Long term overview

This will also be available on the class page of the website under Classes -> Year 1.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Science	Habitats Food chains	Materials	Seasonal Changes	Exercise, Food and Hygiene	Plants	Animals and life cycles
RE	Christianity Believing in God	Christianity Christmas	Judaism Shabbat Rosh Hashanah Yom Kippur	Christianity Easter	Alternative world views	Islam Prayer Hajj
History		Significant events - Great fire of London - Moon Landing		Significant people - Brunel - Tim Burners- Lee or Florence Nightingale		Significant places - Castles - Local study
Geography	UK and the local area		Contrasting locality - Australia		Sustainability and weather	
DT	Construction and mechanisms		Textiles—weather symbol sewing pictures		Food technology	
Art		Stephen Wiltshire / Antony Gormley Drawing / Sculpture		Printing and collaging Guiseppe Arcimboldo		Tiger in a tropical storm Painting and Drawing
PE	Locomotion (Running) Gymnastics	Ball Skills (Hands) Dance	Health and Wellbeing Gymnastics	Ball Skills (Feet) Rackets, bats and balls	Locomotion (Jumping) Team Building	Games for Understanding Ball Skills (Hands 2)
Computing	Computing systems and networks	Creating media	Creating media	Data and Information	Programming	Programming
Music	Rhythm and Pulse		Pitch		Singing and Instruments Composition unit	
PSHE	Being me in my world	Celebrating Differences	Dreams and Goals	Healthy Me	Relationships	Changing Me

Theme Days

Throughout the year, the children will engage in a range of whole school theme days, covering a wide range of curriculum areas. These are detailed below:

Whole School Theme Days	
Day	Date
Arts Day	Term 1 Thursday 3 rd October
Hello Yellow – YoungMinds	Term 1 Thursday 10 th October
Celebrating Cultures	Term 2 Monday 25 th November
French Afternoon	Term 3 Wednesday 22 nd January
NSPCC Maths Day	Term 3 Friday 7 th February
Safer Internet Day	Term 3 Tuesday 11 th February
World Book Day	Term 4 Thursday 6 th March
Eco Summit	Term 4 Tuesday 18 th March
STEM Day	Term 5 Friday 16 th May
Sports Day	Term 5 Friday 23 rd May
Patronal Festival	Term 6 Wednesday 25 th June

Hook Days

At some point in each theme, children will engage in a 'hook day' or activity to inspire learning linked to the theme. Further details are below:

Class Hook Days/ Lessons

Term	Hook Name	Description	Date	Cost
1	On our doorstep	Children will go on a walk around Keynsham, looking at human and physical features	w/b 7 th Oct 2024	Free
2	Great and ghastly events	Great fire of London artwork.	6 th November 2024	Free
3	Extreme weather	Children can dress up as weather reporters or a type of weather e.g. dressed as a rainbow.	7 th January 2025	Free
4	Where am I? Who am I?	Castle visit	TBC	TBC
5	Australia Day	Children can come dressed as an adventurer, colours of an Australian flag or Australian Animal.	Monday 28 th April 2025	Free
6	Ingenious Inventions	Hook DT day – making and designing a mode of transport.	6 th June 2025	£5

This Term's Theme – On Our Doorstep

	Term 1
Science	Habitats Food chains
RE	Christianity Believing in God
History	
Geography	UK and the local area
DT	Construction and mechanisms
Art	
PE	Locomotion (Running) Gymnastics
Computing	Computing systems and networks
Music	Rhythm and Pulse
PSHE	Being me in my world

Homework

- Homework will be set and submitted on Seesaw.
- Home Learning Menu – children to submit at least one option by the final week of each term to be showcased in class.
- Doodle Maths – to be played daily.
- Daily reading – please record (with your initials) on your child's reading bookmark each day they read (there is a box for each day of the term).
- Children will be rewarded as follows for the number of times they read:
 - 50 reads – bookmark
 - 125 reads – lucky dip
 - 200 reads – reading book
 - 275 reads – book token



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Reading at home challenge

Term 1							
	S	S	M	T	W	T	F
w/b 2.9.24							
w/b 9.9.24							
w/b 16.9.24							
w/b 23.9.24							
w/b 30.9.24							
w/b 7.10.24							
w/b 14.10.24							
w/b 21.10.24							

Name

School Rules

The children have been introduced to our new 'school rules':

- Be Ready
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe

They have had the opportunity to discuss what these would like in the classroom, in the playground and all around the school.

Children will receive House Points for demonstrating these rules, along with our school values:

- Aspiration
- Collaboration
- Opportunity
- Respect

Star of the week

- Each week 2 children will earn star of the week
- This will be presented by myself and Mrs Bamfield in the whole school celebration assembly each Friday
- Each term, one child will receive an 'above and beyond' certificate. These children will also get the opportunity to have hot chocolate and biscuits with Mrs Bamfield.

Star of the week

- Children earn House Points for a variety of reasons – good work, being helpful/kind, good listening, trying hard etc.
- Children will receive House Point certificates as follows:
 - 50 house points – Bronze
 - 100 house points - Silver
 - 150 house points - Gold
 - 200 house points - Platinum
 - 250 house points - Sapphire
 - 300 house points - Diamond
 - 400 house points - Ruby
 - 500 house points - Headteacher's award

How to help your child

- Read with your child and ask them questions about their understanding and explain any new vocabulary.
- Visit the library to give your child the opportunity to read plenty of texts in different styles e.g. Roald Dahl, Michael Morpurgo, Anthony Horowitz
- Encourage them to make Maths links with the real world and practise spellings together (a list of the year 1 common exception words are available on the school website).
- Encourage them to ask for help if they are finding a particular area of the curriculum tricky.

Parents evening

- Parents evening will take place in Term 1 and in Term 3
- If you have any concerns before this time, please email the office and we can arrange a convenient time for a phone call.

Any questions?

