

WELCOME TO YEAR 1



Your class is called Antarctica

Your teacher is called Mrs Poncia

Your teaching assistant is called Mrs Williams

Key Information for Year 1

Phonics Screening Meeting

We will be arranging a meeting about the Phonics Screening later this term. Details will be sent to you in due course. At this meeting we will discuss what your child will need to know in order to pass the Phonics Screening Check.

School Trips

The children will visit our local church in Baston regularly for Godly Play as part of the R.E. curriculum. We will also go on another school trip towards the end of the year.

Book Bags

Please bring your book bag into school every day so that you can carry extra items to and from school without them getting wet or damaged. Your book bag will come home with you every day apart from Friday when it will remain in school over the weekend. On Mondays you will be given a new reading book.

Transition from EYFS to Year 1

As your child moves through school it is important to know that each teacher meets with the previous class teacher to ensure that the transition for your child is as smooth as possible. From EYFS to Year 1 the structure and style of teaching becomes much more formal which may take a little while to get used to. Please be assured that your child will receive plenty of support throughout the day and any worries or concerns will be dealt with immediately.

Hint and Tips

These helpful hints will ensure your school year runs smoothly:

- If you have any questions or issues, please speak to an adult either at home or at school so that they can help you.
- Come to school ready to learn. This means you should have a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, complete your homework/reading and have everything you need.
- Get into the habit of packing your school bag the night before and leaving it somewhere you will remember to pick it up in the morning.
- Bring a water bottle to school every day so you can stay hydrated.
- If you want to, bring in a healthy snack that can be eaten during play time.
- Bring a coat to school, even if it's warm and dry when you leave the house in the morning, as we can't guarantee the weather. This will ensure you have a happy, comfortable play time and lunch time.

Timetable

In our school every day is different but a typical day in Year 1 looks like this:

8:40am	Registration & Morning Challenge
9:00am	Phonics Groups
9:30am	English
10:30am	Play Time
10:45am	Mathematics
11:45am	Story Time
12:00pm	Lunch Time
1:00pm	Registration & Topic Lesson
2:00pm	Playtime & Fit in 15
2:15pm	Topic Lesson
3:00pm	Collective Worship
3:15pm	Home Time

You will also have lessons in the following subjects: Religious Education (R.E.), Personal, Social, Health & Economic Education (P.S.H.E.), Science, Computing, Geography, History, French, Art & Design, Design & Technology (D.T.), Music and Physical Education (P.E.).

You will be taught Computing by Mrs Kidder, French by Mrs Emery and Music by Mrs Young.

P.E.

You will have P.E. on Tuesdays and Thursdays so please remember to bring your P.E. kit to school on those days. At times you may be asked to bring in your P.E. kit and / or trainers, if you are practising for a school sports events. Tuesday's PE lesson is taught by Mrs Poncia and Thursday's PE lesson is taught by Mrs Oakley.

Outdoor Learning

As Outdoor Learning will not take place on a specific day of the week, instead of providing a full change of clothes we would ask that your child has a pair of suitable shoes or wellies that can be left in school. Please ensure your child brings a warm/waterproof jacket to school every day.

Library

You will visit the library bus on Thursdays so bring your library book to school on that day.

Homework

Homework is very important. It helps you to become an independent learner and gives your parents and carers an insight into your learning. You will receive homework every full week. Your homework focuses on reading, mathematics and spelling.

Reading

You will bring home a school reading book that will be changed on a Monday. Re-reading the book multiple times encourages fluency. You must read every day for 10-15 minutes. You should record your reading in your Reading Record, and make sure an adult signs their name next to your record. Please remember to bring your reading book and Reading Record in to school every day!

Spellings

Make sure you practise your spellings every day at home. There will be a spelling activity for you to complete on Spelling Shed. This will be available for you from Saturday to Saturday.

Mathematics

You must complete a maths activity on Numbots every week. These maths activities will practise and consolidate all the maths we have learned in class. Numbots is always available and can be accessed at any time. Each activity must be completed quickly before you are allowed to move up to the next level.

Your Spelling Shed and Numbots login information can be found in your Reading Record. If you need to have another copy of your login information, contact the office.

Expectations

We expect everyone in our school to be 'Ready, Respectful, Safe'. We celebrate good behaviours and recognise and reward children who go 'above and beyond'. In class, you will receive lots of praise and house points. You may even be asked to display your name on the recognition board in our classroom or even be given a 'positive note' to take home to your parents or carers. During our Celebration collective worship on Fridays, you may receive a 'School Value' certificate, a 'Well Done' certificate, or be named our 'Star of the Week'.

Attendance & Punctuality

Your attendance is very important! Maximum attendance at school provides you with the greatest opportunity to learn. No request for time away from school for a holiday can be authorised. School starts at 8.45am and you will begin learning straight away, so it is vital you are in school on time, every day. Every minute counts when it comes to learning! This also helps you to get ready for the day of learning. Your attendance and punctuality are monitored and recorded every day.

School Uniform

You must wear your full school uniform every day. This includes wearing our school P.E. kit on the days we have P.E. Please make sure your uniform, P.E. kit, coat, water bottle and lunch box are clearly labelled. This will lessen the chance of your belongings being lost or misplaced. You do not need to bring pencil cases to school. We will provide anything you need to learn.

Parents & Carers

Here are a few suggestions of ways in which you can help your child at home:

- Independent **reading** skills are vital to future success and so please do prioritise reading with your child. You should listen to your child read to you, but you can also read to your child too!
- When you are listening to your child read, 'pause, prompt, praise'. Pause to let your child work out words if they get stuck, provide a prompt or 'clue' to help (but not give the answer) and praise your child when they concentrate, and problem solve.
- You can ask a range of questions about your child's reading. The 'five Ws' - who, what, where, when and why - can provide useful questions. You can ask these questions whether you or your child has read. You might ask your child to summarise what has happened in the book or story so far, and to predict what will happen next.
- You may also wish to talk about the links between the book and real life to make the story more interesting and help children develop their understanding of ideas in the book. For example, while reading Cinderella going to a ball, or might discuss the similarities between a ball and a birthday party.
- Your child should be able to complete their **homework** tasks independently. If your child struggles, please do let me know so that I can support them in class.
- You can help your child with their homework, by encouraging them to establish a regular routine and giving them lots of praise for completing their tasks.
- At school, we are focusing on '**ready, respectful, safe**' behaviours at school and finding lots of opportunities to praise and reward your child when they show behaviours that go 'above and beyond' our high expectations. We recognise that it is beneficial for you to know this so that talk about this with your child when reflecting on their school day.

Term Dates:

Autumn 1 Wednesday 4th September - Friday 18th October

Autumn 2 Tuesday 29th October - Friday 20th December

Spring 1 Tuesday 7th January - Friday 14th February

Spring 2 Monday 24th February - Friday 4th April

Summer 1 Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 23rd May

Summer 2 Tuesday 3rd June - Tuesday 22nd July

If you have any questions or issues concerning your child, please do not hesitate to speak to me either on the playground or by making an appointment via the school office.

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