



WELCOME TO YEAR 1

2023-2024

Who are we?

Class 3

- Mrs Harrison
- Mrs O'Toole

Class 4

- Mrs Durkan
- Mrs Heathcote
- Mrs Baines

General school expectations

- Behaviour & Rules – Loss of Golden Time.
- Uniform – coats, shoes, PE kits.
- Communication – MySchoolApp, website, dojo.

Year 1 curriculum

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English	T4W - Not now Bernard	T4W – Owl Babies	T4W – The Gingerbread Man	T4W – The Tiger who came to Tea	T4W – Handa’s Surprise	T4W - Beegu
Geography		Where do the leaves go in winter?	Where do the wheels on the bus go?		Why can't a Meerkat live in the North Pole?	
History	Why is the Wii more fun than Grandma and Grandads old toys?	Remembrance Day (1 week focus)		Emmeline Pankhurst		
Science	What can we use to travel around space? (Everyday Materials)	Why does it get dark early in winter? Longitude Study (Seasonal Changes)		Which birds and trees would LRRH find in Gorse Hill Park? (Plants)	Why are humans not like tigers? (Animals, including humans)	
D&T		Making a Toy		What can we use to travel on the moon? (modelling)		What can we put in 5 bean salsa? (cooking)
ART	Pop Art Bee (colour mixing and media)		Where will our flying carpet take us? (weaving)		How can we print a meadow? (printing)	
RE	What does it mean to belong to a faith community?	Christmas RE day – gifts and giving	Who is Sikh and what do they believe?	How should we care for others and the world? Easter RE Day	How and why do we celebrate special times?	
MUSIC	Hey You	Little Angel Gets Her Wings	In the Groove	Reflect, Rewind and Replay	Round and Round	Rhythm in the Way we Walk and banana rap
COMPUTING	Improving mouse skills	Algorithms unplugged	Rocket to the moon	Bee-Bot	Digital imagery	Introduction to data/Online Safety
PSHE	TEAM	Britain	Be Yourself	Aiming High	It's My Body	Money Matters

Phonics

- We teach 'Read, Write, Inc' (RWI) everyday.
- Children will have access to other phonics activities throughout the school day.
- Phonics Screening Check (May)
- How you can help at home – practise segmenting and blending words, read everyday at home and practise writing high frequency words.

Daily structure

- 8:50 – 9:00am – Children come in to school and complete an activity
- 9:10 – 10:00 – learning time
- 10:00 – 10:15 – Playtime
- 10:15 – 11:30 – learning time
- 11:30 – 12:15 – Lunchtime
- 12:15 – 1:30 – learning time
- 1:30 - 1:45 – Playtime
- 1:45 – 2:50 – learning time
- 2:50 – 3:05 – Story time
- 3:05 – Home time and doors open

Safeguarding

- If parents are to ever come into school they are to enter via the office and sign in.
- No access through other doors without a member of staff present.
- End of the day – 2 classes are coming out so please be patient as we want to make sure all children leave safely.

Reading books and Spellings

- As said previously, all children have a RWI lesson everyday, however, it is vital that you read with them everyday too.
- Children will still have the same login for Bug club to access further books (see handout) – which your child's teacher will have uploaded for them.
- The snuggle up book is to be read with the children by an adult.
- The phonetically decodable book is to be read to an adult by the child. Please listen to your child read and ask questions throughout to reinforce their understanding.
- Spellings this half term will be focusing on our common exception words (see handout) – we will break these spellings up each week to send home.
- Children will practise spelling in school, but again, you need to be practising them at home as well.

Homework

- Each child will be given a homework bag.
- Homework will be given out every Friday and it must be returned on the following **Wednesday**. This will include a snuggle up book, a phonetically decodable book (at your child's level), a piece of maths.
- New spellings will be sent home every Tuesday after the spelling test.
- Books **will not** be changed every day. Children should read a book more than once and should discuss and answer questions on what they have read.
- Our spelling test will be done on a **Tuesday** so make sure they have practiced up until that day.

Last few bits...

- Children in KS1 are entitled to free school meals – please don't swap between a pack lunch and dinner, as it becomes confusing as to who has pack lunch or not.
- Children get a snack at break time.
- Please provide water bottles, named and with only water in it.
- Please also name all clothing, especially jumpers, cardigans and PE kit, as this will help the items find their way back to your child, should they get lost.
- Year 1 PE Day will be on a Wednesday. They must come in to school in their kit.
- Your children shouldn't be bringing in any personal belongings/toys to school.
- Please speak to a member of staff if you have any worries or questions – we are anyways available on the doors.

Any Questions?

Thank you for coming!