



Welcome to Year 1

Welcome back to the new academic year. We hope you have had a refreshing break and your child is excited for the next stage in their learning journey!

In Year 1, we have lots of wonderful topics which we are sure your child will enjoy. These are as follows:

Autumn 1: Brave Beginnings

Autumn 2: Blast Off! (*Space*)

Spring 1: Ahoy There! (*Pirates*)

Spring 2: Deep Discoveries (*Dinosaurs*)

Summer 1: Creature Comforts (*Minibeasts and pets*)

Summer 2: See the Seaside

The transition into KS1 and a more 'formal' style of learning can be a big step for some children. Throughout the year, play-based, child-initiated activities will still be available to children to support their smooth transition and to help them remain motivated, confident learners.



Chisenhale
Primary School

Confidence • Curiosity • Kindness

Year 1 2023/24



Blackbird Class

Faiza – Class Teacher (*Mon, Tues*)

Jo – Class Teacher (*Weds, Thurs, Fri*)

Joli – Teaching Assistant

Buzzard Class

Helen – Class Teacher

Sheila – Teaching Assistant

Additional Staff

Karolina – Teaching Assistant

Hannah – PPA Teacher

Lesley – HLTA

A typical busy day in Year 1!



- * Register
- * Maths
- * Playtime
- * Phonics
- * English
- * Lunchtime
- * Register
- * Guided Reading
- * A foundation subject lesson
(Science/ Art/ DT/ RE/ History/
Geography/ Music/ Computing/ Jigsaw)
- * Playtime
- * Story and Snack
- * Hometime



Daily Checklist

- * Comfortable shoes/trainers suitable for doing lots of movement (no open toes please).
- * Named water bottle.
- * Book bag for carrying home books, pictures and letters.
- * Jacket for a rainy day!
- * Please make sure **ALL** your child's belongings are named.



PE days

There will be **two PE lessons** each week. Your child should come to school **wearing their PE kit** on these days:

Thursday and Friday



How you can support your child at home

* Reading

Each week we will be sending home a **levelled reading book** and a **story book** in your child's book bag. Additionally, we will allocate **books online** on our reading platform **Bug Club**. We ask parents to sign or write a comment in the yellow reading journal every week. This allows you to communicate how your child is getting on with their reading. Please bring your child's book bag in on **Fridays** so that we can change their books.



* Maths

You could encourage your child to **practise counting forwards and back to 20** and to count small groups of objects using **one to one correspondence**. Have a look in your home and local environment and keep talking about numbers, shapes and measures. Your child could also **practise writing their numbers up to 10** using correct number formation.



* Writing

Do encourage your child to draw pictures – this can be very mindful and is also good for their fine motor development. When writing sentences, we encourage children to use their Phonics skills – **say the word, sound out the word, write the word**. Please do remind your child to use finger spaces and full stops when they are writing sentences.

