



Welcome to Year 1

Welcome back to the new academic year. We hope you 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: Creature Comforts (*Minibeasts and Pets*)

Summer 1: Time Travelling Toybox

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 this term, play-based, child-initiated activities will still be available to children to support their smooth transition and to help them remain motivated, confident learners.



Year 1 2024/25



Kingfisher Class

Jo – Class Teacher (*Mon, Tues, Fri*)

Halima – Class Teacher (*Weds, Thurs*)

Joli – Teaching Assistant

Kestrel Class

Helen – Class Teacher

Karolina – Teaching Assistant

Additional Staff

Hannah – PPA Teacher

Lesley – HLTA

A typical busy day in Year 1!



- * Register
- * Maths
- * Playtime
- * Phonics
- * English
- * Lunchtime
- * Register
- * Guided Reading
- * Foundation subject lesson (Science/ Art/ DT/ RE/ History/ Geography/ Music/ Computing/ PSHE)
- * 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:

Monday and Wednesday



How you can support your child with their learning

* Reading

Each week on a **Friday** we will be sending home a **levelled reading book** and a **story book** in your child's book bag. We ask parents to sign or write a comment in the yellow reading diary 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. Soon we will be giving out login details for our online learning platform, Mathletics. Here, the children can consolidate their learning from school by completing the fun activities.



Your child's PE kit should consist of:

- **Blue** (ideally royal blue if you haven't already bought one, but navy is fine)/White T-Shirt
- Navy/Black Joggers
- Trainers

* 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, and to **say the word, sound out the word, write the word**. We will be beginning to teach the **spellings for the tricky words**, so you could encourage your child to learn how to spell these. Please do remind your child to use finger spaces and full stops when they are writing sentences.

