



***WELCOME TO  
YEAR ONE***

## Meet the staff:

**Mrs Austin** - Class Teacher

**Mrs Helmoe-Larsen and Mrs Burgess** -  
Teaching Assistants

**Mr Jones** - PPA cover - Monday pm - PE

**Mrs Taylor** - PPA cover - Monday pm -  
RE/PSHE

# Timetable of the Day

**8.45 to 9.00**

**Register/Morning Activities**

**9.00 to 9.40**

**Lesson 1 - Phonics**

**9.40 to 10.30**

**Lesson 2 - English**

**10.30 to 10.45**

**Break time**

**10.45 to 11.00**

**Assembly**

**11.00 to 12.00**

**Lesson 3 - Maths**

**12.00 to 1.00**

**Lunch**

**1.00 to 2.00**

**Lesson 4 - Curriculum Subjects**

**2.00 to 2.15**

**Break time**

**2.15 to 3.00**

**Lesson 5 - Curriculum Subjects**

**3.00 to 3.20**

**Storytime/Hometime**

# Curriculum

In Year One the children move to the National Curriculum and are taught specific subjects rather than the areas of learning as in Reception.

Maths

English

Science

Computing

RE

D&T

PSHE

Art

Music

Geography

History

PE

Spanish



# Projects

## Autumn Term:

Why and how do the seasons change?

Do we all have a right to play?



## Spring Term:

How can I stay healthy and safe?

How can we look after each other and the world we live in?

## Summer Term:

How has transport changed over time?

New house or old house?



# Reading

- Children should read at least 3 times a week at home - this should be recorded in their reading journal
- Children will be heard reading by staff during phonics sessions
- Children will be given 2 books during their phonics sessions which they then read and practice at home
- The children will also choose a library book each week to bring home- Usually on a Wednesday
- As a school we are happy for children to read their own books in addition to school books, we also encourage the children to read comics, magazines, newspapers, information books
- We would also encourage children to join their local library too, if they have not already done so

# Reading Journal

- Please record all reading done at home in the reading journal.
- The children should bring their reading journal and book to school everyday.
- A member of staff will endeavour to sign the reading journal each week.
- There is also a Book List for Year One on the website. These are recommended books and some will be read at school.

# Seesaw

- Seesaw is an online learning platform for children to complete work at home, for messages to be sent by Year One staff
- Work will be set each week using this platform and is completed on this platform in addition
- All children will be set up with a log in code
- All parents and carers will be set up with a log in code
- The Year One team will comment on pieces of work completed at home (please bear with us!)
- Reminders/messages will sometimes be sent to parents/carers using this platform

# Homework



As well as reading at least 3 times a week, the children will receive the following homework:

**Maths or English - an activity to be completed every week (this will be indicated on Seesaw on a Friday evening)**

**Science - an activity once per half term instead of Maths/English**

**Spelling (on Seesaw)**

**The children will receive 10 spellings focusing on spelling patterns, high frequency words, related groups of words etc. on a Friday. These are to practise at home in preparation for a weekly test on a Thursday!**

# Homework contd.

We also ask that times tables facts for x2, x5, x10 are practised as often as possible.

BBC Supermovers is also a great resource to help children learn their timestables whilst keeping active!

All of the homework information will be provided for the children on Seesaw.

# P.E.

Monday afternoon-Led by Mr Jones

Friday morning- Mrs Austin

Children to come to school on the Monday/Friday in their PE kit for the whole day.

In Autumn Term 1, PE will be Circuit Training for one session and Target Games for the other session

We will inform the children and yourselves of the changes each half term to the PE covered and any change to the day(s) by School Comms, Class Website Page and in a message on Seesaw

Please ensure your child has their hair tied back or a bobble with them on these days. Also, please can earrings be covered or taken out.

# Phonics

Phonics will continue into Year One following on from the children's learning in Reception using Read, Write Inc.

The children will receive two books over the week that they can practise.

The children will be taught in groups led by one of the Reception/Year One/Two teachers or TAs.



# Phonics Screener

The Phonics Screener will be taken in June 2025 by the Year One children

I will provide more information about this after Christmas...

You can help at home by practising reading HFWs, breaking down unfamiliar words - 'alien words'



# Visits/Special Events

Day visits/workshops to be confirmed:

**Nantwich Museum - visit to school - workshop -  
Autumn Term**

**Buddies Visit - Chester Zoo - Spring Term**

**? - Summer Term**

**plus more...**



Special Events:

**European Day of Languages - September**

**Christmas Performance with Year 2**

**Science Week Assembly - March 2025**

**plus more...**

# Communication

Please contact us via the school office - the office staff will pass on any messages as soon as possible, if needed, we will get back to you as soon as possible by telephone or email. You can always catch a member of the Year One team at the start of the day or at hometime in addition.

Medicines (prescribed) to be handed to office staff with a completed medication form

Please can you ensure your contact details are up to date in order for us to contact you easily

Check the Class Page on the Website, keep updated on Twitter to see what your child/the class have been doing. Twitter is the main source to see what the children have been doing at school.

Any additional messages may be given out on Seesaw or with a note home.

Please do not send messages on Seesaw as this platform is not monitored all of the time and a message may be missed.

# Behaviour Rewards



Children will receive ‘marbles’ to gain a class reward - voted for by the children

House Points continue for kindness, good manners, helping others, good work, trying hard

Star of the Week certificates each week - given out in Friday’s assembly

Gold Superstar - Children will receive an email home at the end of the week

Brill Kid Award (half-termly) - voted for by the class - someone who is kind, spreads happiness and has a positive attitude to school

Headteacher’s Award (half-termly)

# Bits & Bobs...

Please can your child bring a named water bottle to school each day

Can all uniform be named - coats, cardigans, jumpers etc.

Only a small bag for reading books please! Limited space in the cloakroom for big bags and coats

We would encourage your child NOT to bring any toys or anything special to school, they have a tendency to go missing outside or in the cloakroom!

Can you make sure your child can practice fastening their own coat - new buttons and zips can be tricky! You may want to consider practising shoelaces this year too!

Please check your child's book bag for any letters/leaflets etc.

Please can you let the office know if you require milk and toast in the morning, if you have not already done so.

Fruit will be available in the afternoon for snack and in the morning if not having toast and milk. If your child brings their own snack, please can you ensure it's a healthy choice.

We are a nut free school, due to severe allergies. Please do not send your child in with peanut butter, Nutella and packs of nuts.

# What you can help with at home...

Homework tasks

Timestables - x2, x5, x10

Spellings

Reading - Hearing your child read, asking questions about the text, encouraging reading different types of texts - comics, information books, newspapers etc.

Handwriting - encourage your child to practise their writing at home and take pride in their presentation of work

Discuss the projects, look up information, visit the library

Using dictionaries, thesauruses, atlases at home





Any Questions...