

Welcome to Year 1

This meeting is:

- A time to meet the Year 1 teachers.
- An opportunity to learn about school routines, homework and parents workshops for this year.
- A chance for you to ask any questions.

Who will work with your children in Year 1?

Heron class

Mrs Lambert - class teacher

Mrs Asad - teaching assistant

Mrs Baulk - teaching assistant



Woodpecker class

Mrs Ravji, Mr Dourado - class teachers

Mrs Sahraoui - teaching assistant



Other adults:

Mrs Walji, Miss Hurst and other adults will be working with the children at different times.

School Routines

Punctuality

School begins at 8.55am. Please arrive promptly at the beginning and end of the school day.

Please ensure that an adult is with your child when lining up at the beginning of the day. Once the class doors are closed, late arrivals will be politely asked to go to the school office.

The children practise important skills such as handwriting and mental maths for the first 10 minutes of the day and they miss this opportunity if they are late.

Independence

Now your child is in Year 1, we aim to teach them to be more independent.

Please say goodbye to your child when you drop them in the line or at the classroom door. We want them to learn to take their coats off and bring their things into the classroom quickly and quietly without help.

Collecting children from school

If a different adult is collecting your child from school, please tell the class teacher who it will be.

If the adult is unknown to the teacher an agreed password should be said by the adult collecting your child at the end of the day.



PE



Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school every day (white T shirt and black shorts or leggings, plimsolls).
It must have their name written in it (and in their school uniform).

Children need a complete change of clothes including trainers or plimsolls.

NO JEWELLERY. Earrings should not be worn and be taken out on PE days.

Parent helpers

We are looking for parents who are willing to help in school on a regular basis. Eg. To be the Parent Representative, to listen to readers once a week.

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We also need parents helpers who can help occasionally with special events or school trips.

Please speak to your class teacher if you can help or fill in the box on the sheet coming around. Alternatively, you can speak to Mrs Ashfaq who will continue in her role working with parents and hosting coffee mornings.

Speaking to the teacher

We are very happy to see you to discuss any issues or concerns at the end of the school day. If you have something quick to say, please tell us in the morning on the playground.

Yr 1 Curriculum

English and Mathematics

The children are taught these subjects in the morning on most days. They will be taught as a whole class, rather than in small groups which is a big change from Reception.

English in particular is linked with the half termly topics, so books are chosen that reflect the overall topic.

Topic work

Other subjects such as science, history, geography, art and design and technology are taught through cross curricular topic work. Subjects are taught in blocks of work.

Our six half termly topics are -

Autumn term - **Ourselves, London**

Spring term - **Pirates, Dinosaurs/Monsters**

Summer term - **Plants, Animals and the Rainforest**

You will receive a half termly leaflet outlining what the children will be learning. This is also on the website.

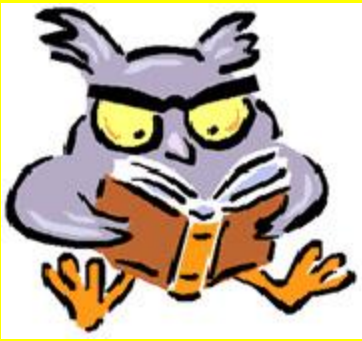
Targets

In Year 1, children will be given targets for reading, writing and maths.

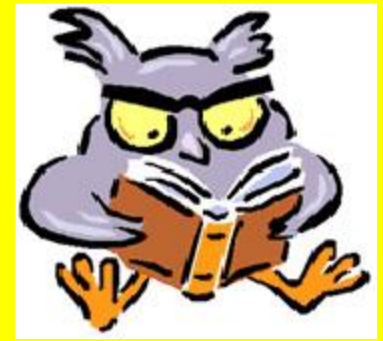
Your support is important. You can practise these with your child at home. Do ask us if you need more information about the targets and how you can help your child.

Targets will be updated and sent home every half term in your child's homework book.

Home Learning



Reading



Please make sure your child brings their green book bags to school **every day**.

Please try to read at home, "out loud", with your children every day. Please sign the reading diary so we know you have read with your child. Re-reading the book with your child will be important to support their reading fluency and reading tricky words.

Changing books

Children will have three books each week, two will go home on a Monday and one on a Friday. They will also bring home a library book. These will include one Read Write Inc Book when your child is ready to read these.



Phonics

The children will continue to learn phonics every day.

The children will bring home spellings once a week to learn for the following week.

Please help them to practise their spellings.



Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check

Continue to use the Speed Sound Booklets sent home in Reception.

Home Learning

Later this term will begin to give some short homework tasks to help the children develop their skills in English, Mathematics and other areas of the curriculum.

It may involve writing or recording or it may be something your child needs to learn or do. Eg. Our number bonds to 10 song, practise throwing a ball, a walk to the park. On Friday, your child will be given a homework book. This will need to be returned to school the following Wednesday.

Home learning may include some creative/bigger tasks which will run over a few weeks. These will relate to the topic work.

Remember you can access **Purple Mash** and **Espresso** at home. There are lots of activities for your child to enjoy.

We have a **homework club** to help parents support their child with home learning.

The class blogs will be updated and can be found on the school website - please have a look!

Clubs

We provide a range of clubs for children before and after school. The children enjoy the clubs, which enrich our curriculum and gives them an opportunity to do more of the activities they enjoy.

Letters explaining clubs will be sent out and need to be returned back to school with any money. Some clubs are very popular and can be oversubscribed so it is important to act quick if your child is interested in attending.

Do talk to the teachers if you would like more information.

Please do ensure that children are picked up promptly from the School Reception.

Do give them a try!

Parents Workshops

Workshops

We will be holding workshops throughout the year to help parents to support their children with their learning at home.

Workshops will be advertised on the school newsletter and posters on classroom windows or noticeboards.

Please do come along to these.

If you have any ideas about what workshops you would like or how these could be run please do let us know.

Please feel free to ask any other questions you may have now or later.

We value your support.

Thank you for coming.

Remember to look at the Year 1 Blog on Chater Infants Website.