



Queen's Park C.E./U.R.C. Primary School

Welcome to Year One!

Staff

Mr Weatherby, Mr Higginson, Miss Box

Mrs Thelwell, Mrs Duffy

Mrs Gerrity, Miss Ashcraft, Mrs Haughey

This booklet should outline everything you need to know about Year One, key information, and more.

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Welcome to Year 1

We hope that you and your child already feel positive about the move from Reception to Year 1. This will be an important year as your child moves from the Early Years Foundation Stage to The National Curriculum.

Here at Queen's Park, we work hard to make that transition seamless and we strive to provide your child with the best experience possible by working with you.

We have taken into account, their school journey so far, and have adapted our curriculum and our classrooms to ensure that your child is supported during this important transition and has the best start possible to Year 1.

The Year 1 staff will be working as one big team to support the children throughout the year! We are looking forward to working with you and the children this year!



Meet the Team



Mr Weatherby
KSI Lead/
Class Teacher



Mr Higginson
Class
Teacher



Miss Box
Class Teacher



Mrs Thelwell
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Duffy
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Haughey
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Garrity
Teaching Assistant



Miss Ashcroft
Teaching
Assistant

What will it be like in Year 1?

To ensure a successful transition into Year 1, our curriculum and teaching changes throughout the year, to best suit the needs of the children.

At the beginning of the Year, although working from the National Curriculum, Year 1 will be play-based, just like Reception. The children will spend time playing, completing adult-directed tasks at tables, and just like in Reception, the children will have carpet sessions too.

As we move through the year, although we will still complete playful activities to help us learn, the learning becomes more 'formal:' the children will have lessons that consist of carpet time, and table time.

Our day in Year 1 will be made up of lessons, each one linked to a different subject area. This is similar to EYFS, although is a more formal way of working.

Throughout the Year, the children will learn knowledge and skills in different subject areas: science, history, geography, art, design and technology, in addition to maths, English, PSHE and music, which were taught throughout EYFS. Each of these subject areas were explored throughout EYFS as part of the curriculum.

Timetable

This is an example timetable.

This timetable may change.

Year 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:50am - 9:15am	Assembly/Registration	Assembly/Registration	Handwriting	Class Worship /Registration	Handwriting
9:15am - 10:00am	RWI	RWI	RWI	RWI	RWI
10:00am - 10:15am	Handwriting	Handwriting	Handwriting	Handwriting	Handwriting
10:15am - 10:30am	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
10:30 - 11:30am	English	English	English	English	English
11:30am - 12:15pm	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:15pm - 12:30pm	DEAR	DEAR	DEAR	DEAR	DEAR
12:30pm - 12:45pm	Maths Meeting	Maths Meeting	Maths Meeting	Maths Meeting	Maths Meeting
12:45pm - 1:45pm	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	PSHE (TA)
1:45pm - 2pm	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
2:15pm - 3:15pm	Guided Read/Curriculum	Guided Read/Curriculum	Guided Read/Curriculum	Guided Read/Curriculum	PSHE (TA)

**Curriculum is a term given to wider-curriculum subjects such as: D&T, geography, history, PE, art and computing.*

At the beginning of the year, the timetable will allow for play-based learning, whether this be in- or outdoors. The children will still access daily carpet time, for both maths, phonics and English.

Reading

Children's book bags need to be sent into school
EVERYDAY.

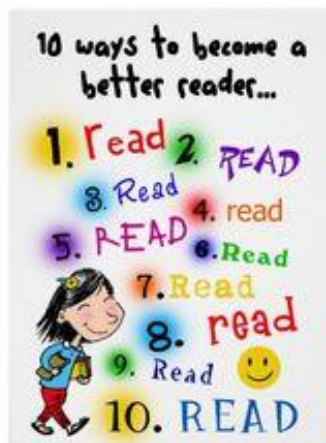
We will provide a book for you to read with your
child at home which will be changed weekly.

We urge you to read every night with your child.

Just for five regularly can make a massive
difference. Children are expected to have read their
book at home a few times before we can change it
in school.

We can only change books if they are brought in
so please don't forget your book.

In addition to reading at home, we will listen to
your child read in class as often as we can.



Phonics



You may already know that all Y1 children, nationwide, will complete a statutory phonics check towards the end of the year.

The phonics check tests the children's ability to recognise sounds and read words, both real and nonsense.

It is so important that you're reading at home so that the children will learn more and remember more.

We will inform you with dates and expectations nearer the time. Don't worry, we'll be well prepared!



Attendance & Punctuality

100%



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Can your child get 100%?

Doors open at 8:40am and gates close at 9:00am. We expect your child to be in school each day with their book bags.

If your child is unable to attend school for whatever reason, please contact the main school office on 01744 678202.

The school gates open at 3.00pm and classroom doors open at 3.10pm.



Homework expectations

Children will receive homework every week. This homework is slightly different to the home learning activities you were set in EYFS.

The homework will be a range of maths, handwriting, phonics, writing and other curriculum activities. Don't worry, we won't give you this all at once!

Homework will be given out each Friday. We appreciate your help with homework and understand this amount can be overwhelming at first but this is a way to become actively involved in your child's learning and help your child meet the high standards expected.

All homework is expected to be returned.

Any worries or questions about homework, please ask. 😊

Handwriting

In Year One, we teaching a new style of handwriting. It looks like this...

abc

We start all letters from the line; this makes it easier for children to form and join letters correctly and, research has shown, can help children with their spellings due to the flow of this style of writing. We call our style of writing 'lead-in' lines.

This is not something that the children will be expected to do right away, but is something they will begin to learn to do throughout the year.



Snacks

We provide the children with the option of a healthy snack. There is milk or water for them to drink, and a piece of fruit to eat.

Please do not send a snack into school with your children.

Please remember we are a nut-free school!



Water

We provide the children with a school water bottle. The children will be able to access these bottles throughout the day.

Please do not send a water bottle from home into school.





Things Happening Throughout the Year



Parents Evenings

Thursday 29th October 2023

Thursday 9th February 2024

Walk to Cambridge Road

Easter Assembly

Come in and Read Sessions

Sports Day

Trip (tbc)

*Unfortunately, dates and other events are yet to be confirmed, although we will keep you up to date via our weekly newsletter and on Class Dojo. Watch this space!



Keeping you up to date!

You can keep up with what is going on in school online, on [Twitter](#) and [Class Dojo](#), so make sure you are connected via the app.

Twitter

@QueensCoEURC

@MrWeatherbyQP

@MrHigginsonQP

@MissBoxQP

Just like in EYFS, Year 1 staff members are always on the door for you to communicate any worries or concerns, please keep in touch so we can help.

ClassDojo is the best place to contact us, if not in person on the door.

We would love for you to be involved with school life. If you would like to help make a difference to your child and their peers, we welcome volunteers. We would really appreciate any spare time you have!

Contact Details / Term Dates

Main Reception

Tel: 01744 678202

Email: queenspark@sthelens.org.uk

Queens Park School Website

www.queenspark.st-helens.sch.uk

Queen's Park Primary School	
Holidays 2023- 2024	
Autumn Term	
School re-opens after the Summer Holidays	Tuesday 5 th September 2023
School closes for half-term	Friday 27 th October 2023
School re-opens	Tuesday 7 th November 2023
School closes for Christmas	Friday 22 nd December 2023
Spring Term	
School re-opens	Monday 8 th January 2024
School closes for half-term	Friday 9 th February 2024
School re-opens	Monday 19 th February 2024
School closes for Easter Holiday	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Summer Term	
School re-opens	Monday 15 th April 2024
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2024
School closes for half-term	Friday 24 th May 2024
School re-opens	Tuesday 4 th June 2024
School closes for Summer Holiday	Friday 19 th July 2024
Good Friday: 29 th March 2024	
Easter Monday: 1 st April 2024	
STAFF TRAINING DAYS (School Closed to Children)	
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