

## How can you support your child?

The most important way you can support your child is to read with them and to them. Ten minutes reading a night makes a significant impact on a child's academic attainment. You can read the phonic book sent home each week, check the phonic folder and practice the words and sentences they have learnt in school and read books together that your child enjoys.



Please write in your child's diary so that I can see how often your child is reading with at home with you.

Each week we send a homework task via Class Dojo on a Thursday and this should be completed by the following Tuesday.

Don't forget that your child needs in school:

- A pair of wellies
- Waterproof trousers are useful for the wet days

They should bring to school each day:

- A coat
- Their reading diary
- Their reading folder
- Their reading book (please note we can't send a new book unless books are returned to school)
- A water bottle

Please try to keep bags as small as possible due to limited space in the cloakrooms.

Please name everything! We find so much uniform left around school and if it isn't named, it will be stored in our lost property in the front entrance.

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform. It is listed on our website. Children should also wear black shoes.

Our PE days will be Friday. Please send your child in their PE kit on this day.

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## Year 1

## Miss Dickinson



*Supported by Mrs Fletcher*



## The School Day

The Year 1 door will open at 8.40am and we like children to arrive as close to this time as possible, as we use the time before register to practise some key mathematical skills.

At **8.50am**, we will begin our lessons and at 10.40am it is break time. We can have a drink and a snack, a piece of fruit is delivered or you can send one for your child. Please no nuts as we are a nut free school.

At **12pm**, we go to the dinner hall for our lunch. All children in the infants are entitled to a free school dinner. The children can choose from three options (see the menu on our website) and all dietary requirements are catered for.

After eating the children go outside and enjoy the OPAL equipment. We aim to give the children full access to the play areas all year round in all weathers, so on muddy days the children can wear waterproof trousers to protect their uniform.

At **1.15pm**, it is time for us to go back in for our afternoon lessons, until the end of the school day at **3.20pm**.



## Curriculum

In Year 1 your child's reading skills will be developing quickly as they move through the phonics scheme. In reading they will learn to:

- Blend sounds in unfamiliar words using the grapheme-phoneme correspondence (GPC) they have been taught.
- Read some common exception words.
- Re-read texts to build up fluency and confidence in word reading.
- Demonstrate a pleasure in reading and a motivation to read.
- Retell familiar stories with increasing detail.
- Predict what might happen in a story.
- Make simple inferences.

Learning in history, geography and science also supports your child's reading development. Some of their topics in these subjects are:

**Science:** Seasonal changes, materials, plants & animals

**Geography:** All about our school and comparing with a non-European school, living in Knutsford and comparing it to another town and beaches and beach holidays.

**History:** The Gunpowder Plot, toys from the past and holidays in the past.

Parents can support their child by also reading some non-fiction books about topics that interest your child.

Please see our curriculum page on our website for lots more information.

We will be doing our PE lessons on a Friday and my PPA time is covered by Mrs Smart every Friday.



## Communication

It is vital that parents read communications sent from school. We will communicate by:

- Sending a weekly newsletter with important dates and events clearly listed.
- Facebook, Instagram and Twitter are used to share what the children have been doing in school. Homework is also posted on your child's Class Dojo page.
- The website also has a lot of information which is useful to parents. Newsletters are posted there each Monday and all our curriculum information is held there too.
- We try to keep emails to a minimum but these will come via Scopay (as do the newsletters). If you don't receive communications please check your preferences within your account (the school cannot do this for you)
- Parents Evenings are run twice a year and these are an important way of finding out how your child is doing academically and socially within school. We offer virtual sessions and if your child has a SEND support plan or an EHC, a face to face appointment.
- An end of year report will be sent in July to share your child's attainment and progress for the year.
- There will be other events which enable you to come into school and find out what your child has been doing. Please keep an eye on the weekly newsletter for these.

