



1CL PARENT INFORMATION



Mrs Leach

Mrs Leach will be the class teacher.

Miss Kenyon

Miss Kenyon will be available to support in the class.



Mrs Smart

Mrs Smart will be teaching the class on alternate Fridays.



THE SCHOOL DAY



The Year 1 door opens at 8:40am, and we encourage children to arrive as close to this time as possible. The time before registration is a valuable opportunity for us to warm up our brains with some key maths skills - it's a great way to start the day!

Our morning lessons begin promptly at 8:50am and run through to break time at 10:40am. During break, children 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 have children in school with serious nut allergies.

At 12:15pm we head to the hall for our lunch. If your child would like a school dinner, all children in the Infants are entitled to have one for free. There are three delicious options each day (including vegetarian choices), and all dietary needs are catered for - please see our menu on the school website. Of course, you're also welcome to send a packed lunch if you prefer.

After eating, the children head outside to enjoy our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) equipment. We aim to keep the play areas open all year round, so on muddier days, children need to have waterproof trousers to help keep their uniform clean.

Our afternoon lessons begin at 1:15pm and the school day finishes 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, History of Chester Zoo and Within Living Memory.

You can support your child by sharing non-fiction books and resources linked to these areas- or anything else that sparks their curiosity! A visit to the local library can be a great place to start.

For more details about our curriculum, please visit the Curriculum page on our school website.

COMMUNICATION

REMINDERS

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

One of the most powerful ways you can support your child's learning is by reading with them and to them. Just 10 minutes of reading each night can make a real difference to their academic progress and overall confidence.

You can read the phonics book sent home each week, check the phonics folder and practise the words and sentences they have learnt in school and read books together that your child enjoys.



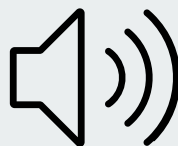
Please sign your child's reading diary regularly - this helps us keep track of their reading at home and celebrate their efforts in school.

Homework tasks are set every Thursday and published on our class page on the school website. These tasks should be completed by the following Tuesday. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child build good routines and independence.



Keeping up with school communications is really important so that you don't miss key dates, news or events. We work hard to keep parents well-informed through a variety of channels:

- Weekly Bulletin: Published every Friday via Scopay, our Bulletin includes important dates, reminders and upcoming events - all in one place.
- Social Media: Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to see snapshots of daily life in school and to celebrate what the children have been learning.
- School Website: Our website is packed with useful information for parents, including Bulletins, curriculum overviews, policies and more. This is also where you'll find weekly homework and class-specific updates. It's a great way to stay in touch with what's going on in class.
- Emails: We keep email communication to a minimum, but when we do send them, they'll come via Scopay. If you're not receiving emails, please check your notification preferences in your Scopay account, as we are unable to adjust these for you.
- Parents' Evenings: Held twice a year, these are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress and wellbeing. For children with a SEND Support Plan or EHCP, we will arrange slightly longer meetings.
- In-School Events: Throughout the year, we'll invite you in to see what your child has been learning and to celebrate their achievements. Keep an eye on the weekly Bulletin so you don't miss these special moments!



To help your child make the most of their school day, please make sure they have the following items in school:

- A pair of wellies for outdoor play
- Waterproof trousers for wet or muddy days - these are essential to protect their uniform

Each day, your child should bring:

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

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

Please label everything! We regularly find items of uniform and equipment around school and unlabelled items are placed in the lost property box in the front entrance.

Please ensure your child wears the correct school uniform, including black shoes. A full uniform list can be found on our school website.

PE takes place on Fridays, so your child should come to school wearing their PE kit on this day.

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