

Year 1 Guide



St. Luke's C.E. Primary School

A Guide for Parents/Carers

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Welcome to Year 1

General Information

Uniform

All uniform should be clearly labelled (any misplaced, unlabelled items will be put in the lost property box) and no jewellery other than stud earrings or watches should be worn in school.

Collar-length hair should be tied back; this applies to all children.

Snacks

- Fruit/vegetables are provided for the children to eat during morning playtime. The children are welcome to bring in their own piece of fruit or vegetable, if they prefer. Our most regular snacks are: apples, bananas, pears, tomatoes and carrots. We are a nut free school.
- Children should also bring a named bottle of water (**with a sports cap**) daily. We can always top them up if necessary. It is important that this goes home each evening, is cleaned, and returns the following day.

Housekeeping

We can't stress how important it is that **ALL** pieces of clothing, lunchboxes and water bottles are clearly named! A prompt return of borrowed items is essential, and any donations of underwear are welcomed.

We would also appreciate any tissue box donations as the children use them daily, over the course of the year.

Curriculum

In Year 1 your child is now working within Key Stage 1, which is beginning the National Curriculum.

Reading

- Children need to have as much exposure and experience of books as possible in order to reach their potential. Please share different genres e.g. fiction, non-fiction and poetry.
- In order to reach their full potential and year group expectations, children need to read **daily** (little and often). **Please record in your child's Reading Record when they have read at home.**
- Book bags, including your child's current reading books and yellow reading record, should be in school each day please.
- All books will be changed each **Friday**.

Common Exception Words (RED WORDS), to read and spell, have been split over the 6 half terms. They can be found on the year group page of the school website. Look out for a new list each half term and a copy will be sent home in your child's 'Home Learning' book.

PE

Currently, PE will take place on Mondays and Thursdays. Children should come into school in their kits.

Outdoor Games kits, consisting of dark blue joggers, sweatshirt and trainers are to be worn to school on **Mondays and Thursdays** for PE lessons. Children should wear Velcro trainers until they are able to tie laces independently. Also, children who wear earrings should be able to take them in and out independently or

refrain from wearing them for that day / come into school with plasters covering piercings.

A typical day in Year 1 usually includes:

- Morning Motivator (basic skills e.g. Common Exception Words, also known as red words, letter/number formation practice and number work)
- English (phonics, guided reading, spelling and grammar, writing and handwriting)
- Healthy snack and Play Time
- Maths
- Worship (times may differ)
- Lunch -commencing at 12:00
- Other curriculum areas
- Break
- Other curriculum areas
- Story/Prayer

Home Learning

Home Learning is to consolidate and reinforce learning. The Home Learning Grid, found within the Homework section of our year group page, details a range of activities to select from and complete. If appropriate please feel free to leave a comment alongside work completed.

Home Learning will be set every **Friday** and is to be handed in on the following **Wednesday**.

School Website

Our class page is updated at the end of every week. You will be able to view a blog containing our weekly news and photos. Also, the Home Learning section will provide further information and guidance regarding homework. It is here that you may be directed to particular downloads to view and use.

The school 'Spider' is used for any extra information you may require. For e.g. Golden Ticket rewards, Mufti, changes in timetable etc...

Celebrations and Rewards

From Year 1, the children have an individual stamp album. When they are awarded a stamp they then colour a smiley face in. As each page is completed, a certificate is awarded. When an album is complete, a further album is issued.

Each Friday, the children attend Superstar Worship where good work is shared and celebrated. Individual certificates are awarded.

Golden Ticket reward afternoons are also available for classes who have received 30 golden tickets.

As in Reception, there is a behaviour chart, in each classroom, to remind and encourage the children to follow class and school rules. Remember each new day is a fresh start.

Knowsley Safari Park

Year 1 has an exciting school trip to Knowsley Safari Park. The date for our trip is **Thursday 27th November 2025**. Our trip to Knowsley Safari Park relates to our topic of 'Animal Kingdom.' The cost for the trip is up to £20 per child. Further information regarding payment for the trip will be issued in due course.

Phonics screening check

In Y1 we have an informal test that the children will need to complete at the end of year 1. The date(s) for the phonics screening test is TBC. All pupils need to be in school unless they are unwell.

Y1 Christmas Service

Y1 lead our Christmas service at St Luke's Church for the rest of school. The date for our Christmas Service is TBC.

If you have any concerns or questions please email the Y1 team (yr1@slf.sefton.school) or make an appointment via the office to speak with your class teacher. Similarly, we will also contact you if we have concerns.

Here's to an exciting year!

The Year One Team



