

Welcome to Year One



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to an exciting new school year! In Year One, we aim to help your children grow in confidence and understanding so they can become a much more independent learner.

This guide has been put together to provide you with the main information you need to support your child's learning in Year One.

If there is anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

We look forward to working with you this year.

Kind regards,

Miss Lester

Year One Teacher

Our Teachers



Miss Lester

Year One Class Teacher



Alba

Teaching assistant



Mrs Butcher

Class teacher Tuesday (pm)
and Wednesday (am)

Volunteer Helpers: At the current time, we are still unable to invite visitors into school due to Covid-19. Each year we appreciate any voluntary help you can offer and we will let you know when we are able to invite you back in.

Drinks and snacks

All Year One children are offered a healthy fruit or vegetable snack at school. The children are also allowed to bring in fruit, vegetables and two plain biscuits from home. The children are only allowed to eat their plain biscuits at afternoon break. All children also need to bring in a **labelled** water bottle, which is kept in the classroom and is available to drink from throughout the day. The children are only allowed water in their bottle. If your child brings packed lunches, they will need an additional drink and this can be water, fruit juice or squash.



PE

Outdoor PE will take place on a Tuesday afternoon and indoor PE will take place on a Wednesday morning. **This year we are asking children to continue wearing their PE kits to school on their PE days.**

All children with long hair must be able to tie it up on PE days and no jewellery may be worn. **If your child cannot remove their earrings, you must provide them with plasters or micropore tape for them to be safely covered.**



Book Bag Routine

This year we will be following the Floppy's Phonics programme. In the coming weeks your child will come home with a purple Floppy's Phonics folder. This will contain phonics activity sheets that will be completed in school and revised at home. Each sheet contains the same format and contains the same key activities for children to complete based on the sounds we have learnt each week. Please ensure these folders stay in the children's book bag as we will also be using them in school during our phonics sessions. Please don't panic, I will add a video to Class Dojo when I send the first sheet home to explain how it works. If you are able to, we may ask you to send photos on dojo of your achievements at home.

As we move forward we will start to send home some English and/or maths activities for you to support your child with.

Reading at least 4 times a week: Reading books will be changed once a week. Your child will be given 2 or 3 books to share with you at home. Your child will also have a reading log **that will need to be brought to and from school every day**. Your child may receive a book that they have already read in reception, please have a go at reading this book as we will be checking children's stages when we read with them in the first week back to school.

Inside the front cover of your child's reading log is a picture of a jar of marbles. Please colour one marble every time your child reads to you and let us know when all the marbles are coloured. We can then celebrate this achievement in school. If your child has read all of their books from school, please encourage them to choose a book from home to read to you. You can still colour a marble for reading books other than school books. We would love to know what extra books your child has been reading and ask you to send us a quick dojo so again, we can celebrate reading in school.

We will change Cabot (red) house team on a Monday, Brunel (blue) on a Tuesday, Wesley (yellow) on a Thursday and Banksy (green) on a Friday. **Please make sure your child has their books on their book changing day.**

Online Resources

Class Dojo: I'm sure that most of you are already familiar with Class Dojo. If you are not aware already, it is a fantastically useful tool, where we can share your child's behaviour and achievements day to day.

If you have not already registered for dojo, please let us know ASAP and we'll sort you out with a log in code.

Phonics Play: This is a fantastic resource with lots of games and activities your child can engage in to support their phonic knowledge (which in turn develops their reading and spelling abilities). The resources are split into phases 2 - 6 so your child can access resources tailored to their own level of development. To log in visit <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> and log in with the following details.

Username: stchadsp

Password: phon1x

ICT Games: ICT games is a great website that is full of Maths and English games to help develop children's knowledge and understanding. There is no log in required, just visit <http://www.ictgames.com/> and get playing!

I am really looking forward to welcoming you all to Year 1! If you have any questions please feel free to send me a message on Class Dojo or catch me on the gate.

Thanks,

Miss Lester 😊