

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.



Jamie

Teaching assistant on Monday,
Tuesday and Wednesday.



Mrs Butcher

Class Teacher on a Tuesday
(pm).



Emma

1:1 Support TA working
mornings.



Sarah

1:1 Support TA.



Lyn

1:1 Support TA working
afternoons.

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. They 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

We do indoor PE on a **Wednesday** and outdoor PE on a **Friday**.

Games and P.E are compulsory for all children, except for those permanently excluded on health grounds. If this is the case, a note from the child's GP must be sent into the school. For those children suffering from minor ailments, a brief note or Class Dojo message must be sent into the class teacher prior to the P.E lesson taking place.

We are asking children to **come into school wearing their P.E kit**, when it is their class P.E day. Suitable clothing for P.E is essential and we are asking for the following to be worn:

- Plain black shorts,
- Completely plain white t-shirt or completely plain t-shirt in your child's house colour (the school logo is allowed),
- Appropriate sports' trainers that can be used within PE lessons (ideally black),
- Plain, black sweatshirt/zip-up top,
- Black jogging bottoms or black leggings.
- Black daps to change into when outdoor shoes are wet or muddy

With the same uniform being worn by all the children, please do label all your child's clothing and equipment.

All children with long hair must have it tied 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.**



Home learning

In order to support your child's progress in school, please give time to learning at home.

Reading: Your child will bring home two staged books and a 'richer read' book each week. The staged book is matched to their developing fluency and comprehension skills, whereas the 'richer read' is not. The 'richer read' will have been chosen by your child because they are interested in the subject / author / genre and it's purpose is to continue to promote a love of books and reading.

This year we are continuing to think of new ways to encourage a lifelong love of reading in our children. One way we are going to promote this is through a new whole school reading reward scheme.

We aim for every child to read at home at least four times a week. When children do read at home, and have their reading journal signed by an adult, they can receive a 'punch' on their new 'Reading Reward Punch Card'.



When they have read at home 20 times, they will have completed their punch card and will be celebrated in ICA assembly. There are three different levels of punch card - Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each time your child completes a level they will be rewarded with a different incentive.

Bronze = ICA celebration and a special sticker

Silver = ICA celebration and a special pencil

Gold = ICA celebration and a book from the Golden Box.

We hope that you will join us in promoting a love of reading and supporting your child in working towards earning a Golden Box book of their choice!

Changing Reading Books

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.**

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 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.



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.

We are also signed up to a number of online learning aids, which your children will have a log in for. These include:

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: Chads22

Password: MayTel3

Numbots and TT RockStars: All children will have their own individual log in to these websites. We will put these inside their reading record books for your reference. Numbots is a great resource to support children with the understanding of number bonds and early arithmetic, whilst TT RockStars has more of a focus on supporting children in developing their confidence in times table recall.

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 One! 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 ☺