

Year 1



Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely summer break. The children have started the year well and we would like to thank you for your support with this.

We have put a newsletter together all about Year 1 which we hope you will find useful.

The Staff working within Year 1 are:

- Teachers - Miss Hazlehurst, Mrs Woodhead and Mrs Merrygold.
- Teaching assistant - Miss Turner and Miss Shaw.
- PE - Mr Unwin
- Forest School- Mrs Willis

Each half term has a specific focus and we try to find the answer to an initial question through our studies. The unit of learning focuses on different subject areas that are taught in a creative and cross-curricular way that also encompass our English skills.

Autumn		Spring		Summer	
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Was Robin Hood a true #KingEdWINNER? History focus	What do I know about the UK and where I live in Edwinstowe? Geography focus	Why do we still talk about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole today? History focus	What were toys like in the past? History focus	Why are some places in the UK always hot and others always cold? Geography focus	Why is Cleethorpes so different to Edwinstowe? Geography focus

Routines:

School begins at 9:00am and finishes at 3:15pm

Teachers are available to talk to if something important needs to be discussed and will be in their classrooms from 8.45am. If you require a longer period of time to talk to the teacher, please arrange a convenient appointment to you both.

If a different person will be collecting your child from school (even if this is a family member) please let a staff member know or call the office if this is a last minute arrangement.

Water is available for the children to drink throughout the day. Water bottles can be purchased from the school office or you can bring a bottle in from home but we ask that it is **water and not juice** that it is filled with. Water bottles will be sent home daily to be cleaned.

Homework:

We ask that children read daily at home where possible and that this is recorded in their reading diaries. Reading books can be changed when needed by the children and we will attempt to hear children read in school once every two weeks.

We will be setting weekly DoodleMaths and English homework and encouraging children to explore PurpleMash learning platforms. We will be sending home spellings for your child to learn on a weekly basis. These will be assessed weekly. These words will link to what spelling rule your child is being taught that week. Please find some time to practise these with your child.

Our school Twitter is a great way of getting to see some of the fabulous work that your child does in school or you can check out our website for further information.

<http://www.kingedwin.notts.sch.uk/>

English:

The children are taught English in their class groups. Throughout the year the children are presented with numerous opportunities to read and write a variety of genres. The skills learnt in these lessons are rehearsed regularly in writing opportunities across the curriculum and sometimes linked to our topic work.

We are adopting a new style of handwriting in school which we will be practising on a daily basis.

Phonics/spelling:

The children will take part in daily phonics lessons, revisiting phonemes taught in Foundation and moving on to learn the Phase 5 phonemes. Words linked to each phase can be found in the back of the reading diary (page 123-136). Learning to read and write these words would be beneficial. There is also a list of KS1 words on page 114.

Maths:

An important aspect of Mathematics is being able to work mentally in Year 1 children will take part in Big Maths Beat Challenges each week, where they aim to beat their own score. To support the children's learning in the classroom we will be setting 'extras' on DoodleMaths. Please encourage your child to complete these. Any opportunity you can find to count with your child forwards and backwards in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's will help support their knowledge and understanding of multiplication.

P.E.

Physical Education is a compulsory and vital part of your child's education. We ask that kit is brought into school in a bag that your child will change in to. Your child should have the following basic kit in order for them to fully participate in weekly PE sessions:

- White t-shirt
- Navy shorts
- Plimsolls for indoor use.

In addition we would also like you to provide:

- Blue/grey/black hoody/fleece and tracksuit bottoms during cold weather
- Outdoor footwear, including trainers

Please ensure that all kit and school uniform is clearly labelled. Earrings need to be removed in order for children to take part in PE as staff cannot remove these. Long hair should also be tied back. Our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday, Forest School is also on a Thursday.

How can you help your child at home?

- Read daily with your child and record it in their reading diary, this doesn't always have to be their school book. Remember you have access to the Rising Stars reading library.
- Practising weekly spellings
- Practise reading and spelling sight words (in the back of the reading diary).
- Encourage your child to be more independent.
- Completing activities on DoodleMaths/English and PurpleMash.

Please do read our year group expectations for English and Maths to see how you can help with these at home.

Many thanks for your continued support. Please email if you have any questions or queries.

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