

Welcome to Key Stage One

An Information Booklet for Parents

Meet the Team - The Teachers

			
Mrs Bond Year 1 Teacher (Mon, Tues)	Mrs Clement Year 1 Teacher (Wed, Thurs, Fri)	Mrs Stearn Mixed Year 1/2 Teacher	Mrs Leck Year 2 Teacher KS1 Team Leader

The Support Staff







Miss Harrington HLTA/PPA Cover



Our School Day

The Curriculum

Much of the curriculum in Key Stage One is taught through topic work. The children have a daily English and maths lesson and an additional phonics and guided reading session. We try to plan engaging and practical activities which help the children develop their skills and understanding whilst capturing their imaginations! The range of curriculum areas taught in Key Stage One is outlined below:

<h3>Phonics</h3> <p>We teach phonics every day and follow the Letters and Sounds scheme that the children were introduced to in EYFS.</p>   <p>Children are taught how to blend and segment sounds and this supports reading fluency and writing skills.</p>	<h3>Reading</h3> <p>The children will have weekly guided reading sessions. There are colour banded books in each class for the children to practise reading at home. The Home School Reading Record is a great way to share your child's reading successes at school and at home.</p> 	<h3>Writing</h3> <p>We practise writing for a range of different purposes including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lists • Captions • Instructions • Stories • Labels • Recounts • Information • Letters <p>We encourage the children to write in sentences and use punctuation correctly.</p>  
<h3>Speaking</h3> <p>Speech and the ability to articulate ideas helps children develop their development of writing skills. Children are encouraged to talk about what they are doing within lessons.</p>	<h2>ENGLISH</h2> <p>igh ie i-e</p>   	<h3>Listening</h3> <p>Children are encouraged to take turns when speaking, and listen when someone else is talking. They will be encouraged to listen to and follow instructions.</p>
<h3>KS1 Library</h3> <p>Reading for Pleasure is something we are passionate about. The children enjoy reading, listening to and sharing stories and information books.</p>   <p>Postman Pat author John Cunliffe opened our KS1 library in 2012.</p>	<h3>Book Bags</h3> <p>Usually we have to bring our book bags into school every day, but we must wait until September to see if this is allowed.</p> 	<h3>Handwriting</h3>  <p>Year 1 children practise correct letter formation and size of letters, remembering to leave suitable spaces between words. Introduction to a cursive handwriting style begins in Year 2.</p>

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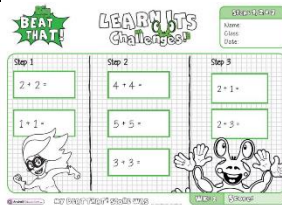
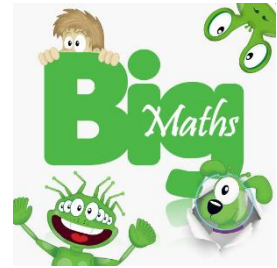
Areas of Maths taught in KS1

- Number
- Calculations
- Problem Solving
- Measures
- Shape, Space and Pattern

Big Maths

Big Maths is a structured and systematic approach to teaching core number skills

which helps children learn key number facts, and feel confident in applying these facts to different calculations.



Practical Maths



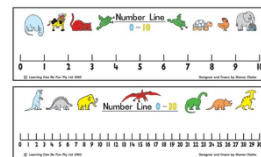
Using a range of practical resources helps children to consolidate their understanding and practise their skills. By building their own mental images of a task, they can then go onto applying their knowledge to new maths problems.

Maths Toolkit

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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(available to purchase)

- Practical activities to enjoy with your child at home.
- Range of resources to support learning.



Topic Work

Our curriculum is largely taught through topic work. Some of the fabulous topics we will be teaching next year are...



Harvest

Peter and the Wolf



CASTLES



The Arctic

The Gunpowder Plot

Plants



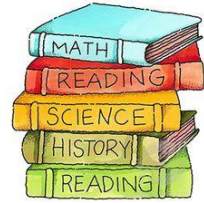
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Science	Art and DT	Citizenship and Global Education
Physical Education	THE CURRICULUM SUBJECTS	Geography
IT and Computing		Religious Education
History	Music	

Our half termly curriculum letters will let you know in more detail what our learning objectives are for each subject.



General Information

<h3>Homework</h3>  <p>Children in KS1 receive homework in the form of a weekly Friday Challenge. This will often develop or enhance an area that is being taught in school. Year 1 children will not start this straight away, allowing them to make a smooth transition into KS1.</p>	<h3>Spellings</h3>  <p>Each week the children will have a weekly spelling test of 10 words. Often these words will have similar spelling patterns, or be some of the Year 1 and 2 tricky or common exception words the children have to learn off by heart.</p>	<h3>Reading at Home</h3>  <p>The more often a child reads, the more confident and fluent they become. It is great to share how your child is progressing with their reading in their Home/School Reading Records. We love hearing about what books the children are enjoying at home.</p>
<h3>Food and Drink</h3>  <p>Meals can be ordered via "Lunch Shop" on the school website. Milk can be ordered on www.coolmilk.com</p> <p>The children may bring in a healthy snack, e.g. a piece of fruit, to eat at playtime. The children need a water bottle in school every day.</p>	<h3>P.E. Kit</h3>  <p>The children have two P.E. sessions a week - one indoors and one outside.</p> <p>Trainers and a tracksuit can be worn outside. A white t-shirt, navy shorts and pumps are suitable for indoors.</p>	<h3>Rewards and Sanctions</h3>  <p>In line with the school behaviour policy, we reward great work and behaviour. Your child may receive a gold award, a house point, be Star of the Week or even get a Headteacher's Award. We use the traffic lights to moderate inappropriate behaviour.</p>

We are very much looking forward to getting to know our new classes in September and having everyone back at school again. School life may be a little different for a while, but we are sure that the children will quickly settle into their new classes and enjoy all that life in KS1 has to offer.



See you all in September!
The Key Stage One Team

