



WESTWOOD PARK COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Moving into Year 1

As our Reception pupils move into Year 1, we celebrate how far they've come and look forward to seeing them continue to grow, learn and thrive in the next stage of their school journey.

Children in Years 1 and 2 follow the Key Stage One National Curriculum so sometimes we refer to our department as Key Stage One or KS1. We sometimes are known as the infants.

Teaching staff

Mrs Milton (Reception Green)
Mrs Clark (Reception Year 1 Yellow)
Mrs Keast (Year 1)

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Sajid
Mrs Summers
Miss Timperley

What Will Stay the Same?

- You will still see your friends every day.
- Your teachers will help you, just like in Reception.
- You will still learn through play, explore, create and have fun.
- You will keep using the school areas you already know, like the playground and hall.

What Will Be New?

- You will have a new classroom and a new teacher.
- You will start to do more grown-up learning, like writing longer sentences and solving number problems.
- You will have short carpet sessions where you learn together as a class.
- You will have new books, new topics and new challenges to enjoy.

Your New Classroom

Your Year 1 classroom will feel a little different from Reception. There will still be areas for choosing and playing, but you will also have tables where you do your learning. Your teacher will show you where everything is and help you settle in.

How We Help You Settle In

We want you to feel safe, happy and confident. To help with this:

- You will visit your new classroom before the summer.
- You will meet your new teacher and teaching assistants.
- Reception and Year 1 teachers will talk together about what you enjoy and what helps you learn best.
- In September, we will have a gentle start so you can get used to new routines.

How Families Can Help

- Talk positively about Year 1 and the exciting things ahead.
- Keep reading together regularly.
- Encourage independence with things like putting on coats, tidying up and carrying their own bag.
- Ask your child about their day and celebrate their achievements.

The Start of the Day

Children are welcome to use our free breakfast club in the hall at 8:15am each morning. We will take them to class straight after breakfast club.

Classroom doors open at 8:45 am and the register is taken at 8:50 am. If you arrive after 8:50am please enter school via the main entrance. The Year 1 entrance is directly from the Key Stage One Playground.

Children are expected to come into school independently. There will be a staff member on the door. Messages for the class teachers can be given to the person on the door. The children are expected to bring belongings into school by themselves.

All the children will have a named tray and peg and will be encouraged to organise their own things.

In each class there will be a reading book changing box. Again, you can help by reminding your child to place their book in here as they enter school.

Lessons in Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2)

As children start in Year 1 they begin the National Curriculum. The National Curriculum, which has been revised for 2014 consists of English, Maths, Science, Computing, History, Geography, RE, Music, Art and Design and Technology. We also include Personal, Health, Social and Citizenship Education (PHSCE) as part of our curriculum. Enclosed is a Curriculum Plan for Year 1 and a summary of the expectations in English and Maths.

A significant part of the English curriculum is Phonics. The children will take part in daily, phonics lessons. Year 1 children take part in the Year One Phonics Screening Check at the end of Year 1 and we will hold meetings about helping your child with phonics and to tell you more about the Phonics Screening Check.

Playtimes

The children have milk and snack, then have 15 minutes playtime in the morning. At lunchtime the children have an hour break which includes time to eat. There is equipment for children to play with at break times.

Home time

Home time is 3:15pm and the children will exit through the same door to the classroom/ playground.

Phonics

At the end of Year 1, children will take part in the PSC- Phonics Screening Check. This is a national check to see if your child is able to decode sounds to an age appropriate standard.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-information-for-parents/phonics-screening-check-2024-information-for-parents-text-only-version>

We will hold an additional parent meeting to explain more about this. We will send materials that can support you at home.

Homework

Children are expected to read with an adult at home five times a week. We will also send spelling lists home for learning.

One piece of English homework (usually Phonics) or one piece of Maths homework will be sent home on Mondays (alternate weeks). These both need to be brought back to school by the following Friday. There will be homework books in each class.

In the lead up to the PSC, your child might be sent home some additional words and sounds to practise reading.

Behaviour

Behaviour is excellent in Key Stage One and we pride ourselves on our relational approach to positive behaviour management.

We operate a 'Rainbow' behaviour management system with children aiming to move up the rainbow and onto the sunshine or the star. They may tell you about this at home if they have been successful.

There are lots of other in class rewards, prizes and certificates.

PE

PE takes place every week. School provides the PE kit but please can you provide trainers or pumps? The children wear pumps or trainers for most PE lessons but gym and dance is done in bare feet.

We hope this information is useful. If you have any urgent questions please come and see Miss Wilson or call the school office.

Please be reassured that children always settle well into KS1 from Reception. As a school we aim for as much consistency in systems and routines as possible.

We Can't Wait to See You in Year 1

Year 1 is full of new discoveries, fun learning and opportunities to shine. We are so proud of everything you've achieved in Reception, and we're excited to see you continue your journey.

All the staff are really looking forward to working with you in September and we hope your child is excited about joining the Infants.