

# Welcome to Year 1 at Layston Autumn Term 2022



Loving to learn,  
Learning to love,  
For every child  
A chance to shine.



## A very warm welcome to Year 1.

Year 1 have been working hard with Early Years for a smooth transition, Y1 autumn term reflecting YR summer 2 term. Blending the curriculum between Reception and year 1 enhancing continuous provision within the classroom.

At home Y1 will have the opportunity to interact with Numbots linking to their Maths. Numbots is a fun interactive game where children can log into developing their core mathematical skills. Login details and further information on how to access will be explained at the meet and greet session.

We thought that it would be a nice idea for children to practice learning to read and write the RWI Red words. Therefore, we thought we would do a mini fun spelling test! RWI Red words/Common exception words to be given out for our short spellings test to happen every Thursday morning. Having plenty of time to practice.

RWI assessments were taking place in the last 2 weeks. Children are now allocated their colour band, taking home their Ditty book to start reading.

As always, we are here to help, and are happy to talk to you. Please recognise that, unless it is an emergency, mornings are not a great time for us to speak to you as we are trying to welcome your children and settle them safely and happily into school. If you would like to talk to us, please make an appointment via the school office or catch us at the end of the school day to make an appointment.

We would also really like to direct you to various sections of the 'Parent' section of the school website which will support you:

Home Learning Zone – full of information, resources and videos to support your child's learning at home and includes homework

Parental engagement – what do I need to do to support my child?

Well-being and Positive Mental Health – useful information on helping you and your child manage any issues related to mental health

Transition – videos to support transition

### Curriculum:

If you look at the school website (Classes and Curriculum - Classes - Year 1) you will find detailed long term (Curriculum Map) and medium term (Knowledge Organisers) plans for the learning that your child will engage with during Y1. The Home Learning Zone – Year 1 also contains lots of information to support your child's learning at home.

### English this term:

In literacy we shall be developing the children's phonic knowledge, writing captions and labels, sequencing stories and exploring rhymes as well as writing simple reports and recounts. Your child will be heard read throughout the week through Guided Reading sessions using the RWI books. Individual books will be sent home and changed at the beginning of the week. The expectation is for children to read every day. It is important for children to re-read books if finished to develop their fluency. We continue to recommend the Oxford Owl website for eBooks.

### Numeracy this term:

We will be continuing to work on addition and introducing subtraction, recalling number bonds to 10 and 20, and counting forwards and backwards. We will be learning mathematical concepts in a hands-on way, using manipulatives and lots of practical learning.

### Topics this term:

Our first half term topic is Explorers, looking at Amelia Earhart and Neil Armstrong. Our second half term topic is Toys, Now and Then. Science covers Weather and Seasonal Changes as well as introducing Materials after half term. Children will also continue to benefit from Forest School sessions to support the 'Recovery Curriculum' and where science, geography, maths and art can all be taught and reinforced within the context of the outdoors.

### Art and Design Technology this term:

We will be looking at the art work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo and learn how to do still life drawings of fruit and vegetables. In DT we will be looking at free standing structures and designing miniature playground equipment.

### RE and PSHRE this term:

During RE we will be exploring the Christian concept of God, Creation, Harvest and the birth of Jesus. In PSHRE we shall be learning about who we can talk to if we are anxious, building friendships, creating community art work and talking about our feelings.

### The Year 1 Team:

Miss Kelly will be teaching on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Mrs Strachan will be teaching on a Thursday. Mrs Downs is the main Teaching Assistant, with Mrs Saunders on a Thursday.

### Timetable information:

Wednesday is Forest School and the usual Forest School kit with wellies will be needed. Please ensure everything is named.

Tuesday and Friday are our PE days and again the usual kit, with trainers and joggers will be needed. Please ensure everything is named.

There will be English and maths learning every day.

### General Information:

Please send your child in with a named coat each day (whatever the weather forecast), as well as a named water bottle. It is essential that all of your child's belongings are named.

### Medicines:

If your child requires medication such as an inhaler or Epipen, please ensure you have spoken to the office to update their Care Plan and that the medication we have is correct and in date.

### School website:

Please do check the school website for any further information. It is always helpful if you have discussed the school dinners with your child the night before so that they are sure what they want for lunch. We remind you that we are a nut free school and also expect children to bring a healthy snack for break time, such as cheese and crackers, cereal bars, fresh fruit and vegetables. Please cut grapes in half to reduce any risk of choking.

Remember we are here to help – please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries. Thank you.

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