

Welcome to Year 1 at Layston Summer Term 2023



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



Y1 will continue to engage with Numbots linking to their Maths. Numbots is a fun interactive game where children can log into developing their core mathematical skills. If you have any problems about logging in or have lost login details, please let me know.

I am very proud on how well the children have been learning their spellings at home, as their hard work has been reflected in their scores. We will continue to do a mini fun spelling test every Thursday morning. Y1 spellings will be focussing on Common exception/ Numbers/ colours / Days of the week and RWI Red words.

RWI assessments are continuing to take place every half term. Children being 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

Curriculum:

If you look at the school website (Classes - Year 1- Curriculum) you will find detailed long term (Curriculum Map) that your child will be learning throughout the year. The Home Learning Zone - Year 1 contains your child's homework as well as Reading- Year 1 containing lots of information to support your child's reading home.

Literacy

In literacy we will be supporting the children with some wonderful new texts, including Jim's Beanstalk, Eric Carle's The Tiny Seed, Martin Waddell Farmer Duck, Giles Andrea Giraffes can't dance and Julia Donaldson's The Whale & the Snail. We will also continue developing the children's phonic knowledge, as well as extending their sight vocabulary. Within writing, we will be extending sentences further using CL, FSp and FS as well as ? ! and exploring speech marks. We will continue to encourage them to use adjectives and conjunctions. We will also explore writing non-fiction texts.

Numeracy this term:

We will be continuing to work on addition and subtraction for numbers up to 50, doubles and halves and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, and counting forwards and backwards to 100. The children will also explore multiplication as array and division as sharing. We will continue learning mathematical concepts in a hands-on way, using manipulatives and lots of practical learning.

Topics this term:

Our first half term topic is Plants, looking at native British plants and life cycles. Our second half term topic is Animals, exploring life cycles and identifying animals and their babies. Children will also reinforce these areas through the Forest School experience as well as enjoying mud and water days. In geography we will compare Buntingford with Tocuaro, a village in Mexico.

Art and Design Technology this term:

In Art we will be learning about the artist Heather Knight making clay tiles as well as learning about camouflage collages. In DT we will be looking at designing and making fruit or vegetable kebabs.

RE and PSHRE this term: During RE we will explore special books as well as looking at sacred texts and naming ceremonies. In PSHRE we shall be learning about how we have grown, managing difficult feelings and moving on.

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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