

# Welcome to Year 1 at Layston Autumn Term 2025



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 reflects YR summer 2 term. Blending the curriculum between Reception and year 1 enhancing continuous provision within the classroom.

We thought that it would be a nice idea for the children to begin to practice learning to read and write the RWI Red words/Common Exception words. This will be done through a fun mini-spelling test in class. All spelling tests will be adapted to your child's needs. Learning spellings at home can be done in a fun and engaging way. Your child might enjoy learning their spellings from using playdough from moulding out the letters, sand tray through mark making or even doing something completely different in which they enjoy!

We will start by only learning 3 spellings during Autumn term then increasing up to 5 spellings during spring term. Spelling test will be taken place on a Thursday morning. Children will then be given their score and their new spellings to learn for the following week, giving them plenty of time to practice.

RWI assessments will be taking place every half term. Children will then be allocated their colour band, taking home their Ditty book to start reading. Ditty books will be collected in and changed every Monday Morning.

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.

### Curriculum:

If you look at the school website (Class Pages – Year 1 - Curriculum, you will find a detailed long term (Curriculum Map) for the learning that your child will engage in during Y1.

### English this term:

In literacy we shall be developing the children's phonic knowledge, writing labels, lists and captions, sequencing stories and exploring poetry as well as writing recipes. Your child will be heard read throughout the week through Guided Reading sessions using the RWI books. The expectation is for children to read every day. It is important for children to re-read their RWI books if finished to develop their fluency. We recommend going onto the Oxford Owl website for your child to have the opportunity to read additional eBooks. Login Details will be given out during Meet and Greet Session.

### Numeracy this term:

We will be continuing to work on addition and introducing subtraction, recalling number bonds to 10 and counting forwards and backwards. The children will be looking at place value within 10, counting, sorting looking at one less and one more of a number. We will be looking at shapes sorting and recognising 2D and 3D shapes. 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 Significant people, looking at Amelia Earhart, Neil Armstrong and the story of St George. 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 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 and Creation. 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 (Class Teacher) will be teaching from Monday to Friday. Mrs Downs (Teaching Assistant) will be supporting from Monday to Friday.

### 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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