

Welcome to Key Stage 1



Reflecting. Daring. Persevering. Dreaming. Together

Meet the KS1 Team



Mrs Johnson
KS1 Phase Leader
Year 1/2 Rabbits Class
Teacher (0.6)



Mrs Dowsett
KS1 Phase Leader
Year 1/ 2 Rabbits Class
teacher (0.4)



Mr Parkes
Year 2 Foxes Class
teacher



Mrs Abbott
(nee Miss Barton)
Year 2 Hedgehogs
Class teacher



Mrs Purkis
Year 1 Otters
Class teacher (0.8)



Miss Swankie
Year 1 Badgers
Class teacher



Mrs Graham
Year 1 Otters
Class teacher
(0.2)



Transition

During the summer term, our current EYFS and Year 1 children are taking part in a number of transition activities, including:

- A transition morning
- Story swap sessions
- Joint play sessions on the main playground

These activities are providing the children with opportunities to meet the Key Stage 1 team, socialise with their new classmates, and begin to familiarise themselves with some of the routines they'll experience in September.



Morning Drop Off and Afternoon Pick Up

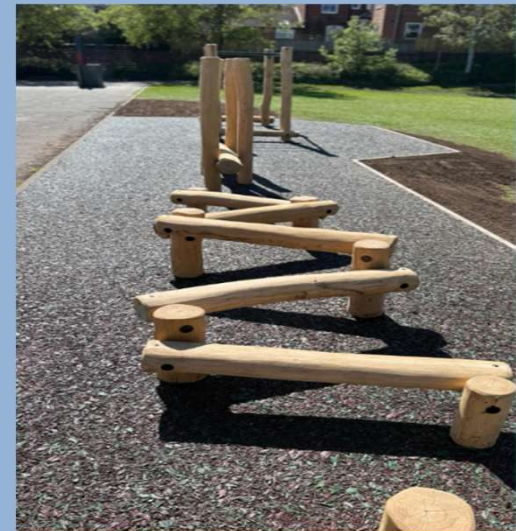
- Morning drop off is at 8:50am.
- Afternoon pick up for KS1 is at 3.30pm

Class	Morning Drop Off	Afternoon Pick Up
Badgers, Hedgehogs, Otters and Rabbits	Enter via the main playground or the EYFS playground.	Enter via the main playground or the EYFS playground.
Foxes	Enter through the external classroom door on the field.	Enter the EYFS playground for pick up from the fire exit door.

If there is a change to the person who usually picks up, then it is important that you inform the class teacher and the school office.

Break time

- KS1 children will usually have break on the large playground. To support a smooth transition, they will use the EYFS playground for the first few weeks before moving to the large playground.
- During the morning break children will be provided with a piece of fruit. Parents are welcome to send their child with their own snack (please note that this needs to be a healthy snack).
- Parents can also choose to pay for milk for their child.
- They will get to use all of the fantastic outdoor equipment including a trim trail and climbing frame.



Teaching and learning in Key Stage One



Mornings:

- Maths
- Phonics
- English

Afternoons:

- Mastering Number
- Topic (including history, geography, art, science, design and technology, computing, PSHE, R.E)
- P.E
- Music
- Outdoor Learning



Phonics



We use the Read, Write, Inc. (RWI) phonics programme.

Daily Phonics Lessons

- Phonics will be taught every morning for **45 minutes**.
- The lessons are designed to develop their reading, writing, and spelling skills in a structured and engaging way.

Targeted Grouping

- Children are **grouped according to their current phonics knowledge**.
- Your child may be taught by different members of the KS1 team to ensure they receive the right level of support.

There will be a parent information meeting and workshop in the Autumn Term-look out for the date on the school calendar!

Reading Books

Your child will receive two reading books per week.



Individual Reading Books

- Each week, children will receive a new Read Write Inc. (RWI) reading book, carefully selected by the teacher to match their current phonics level. These books are designed to support the Read Write Inc. programme and help children practise the sounds and words they are learning in class.

Reading for Pleasure Book

- Each week, your child will choose a 'Reading for Pleasure' book from either the class book trolley or the school library. These books are for you to enjoy together at home. Reading aloud and talking about the story, characters and pictures helps to develop your child's love of reading. Your child can choose a new book once they have returned their previous one to school.

We encourage parents to read with their child on a daily basis to support their child's progress.

Library Visits



Encouraging a Love of Reading

Weekly School Library Visits

- Every week, children will have the opportunity to visit the school library.



Beeston Library Trips – Once Every Term

- Each term, children will visit Beeston Library.
- During the visit:
 - A librarian will read a story to the children.
 - Children can browse and enjoy a wide range of books in a real library setting.

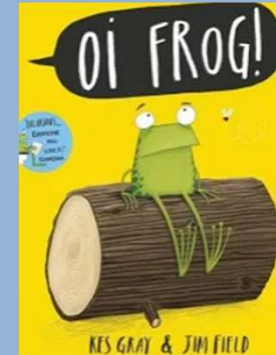
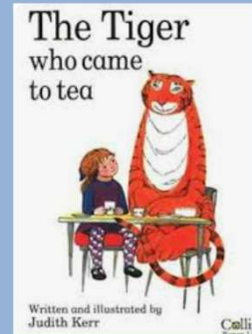
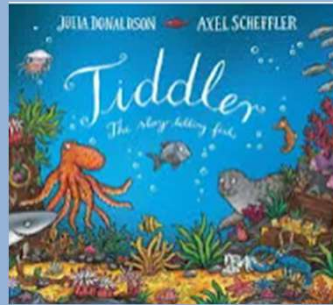
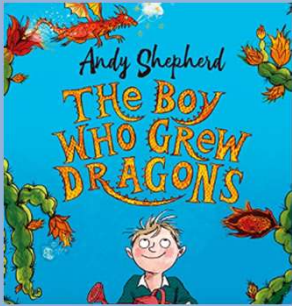


These experiences are designed to foster a love of reading and help children discover new authors, genres, and interests.

Book Club



Encouraging a Love of Reading



- Each week, one child is invited to bring in their **favourite book** to share with the class.
- The children will talk about what they love about the book, their favourite character, and other books they have enjoyed by the same author.
- Book Club is a wonderful opportunity for children to recommend books, inspire each other to read, develop their speaking and listening skills, and foster a lifelong love of reading.

Maths



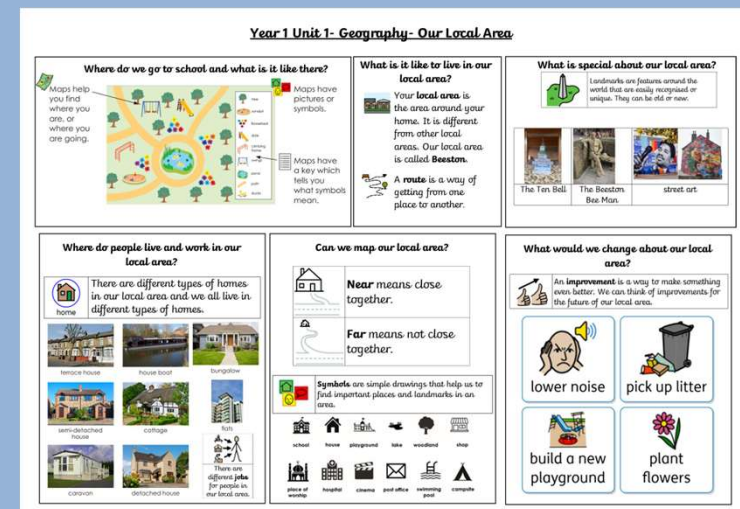
- The school will be continuing to use a maths scheme called 'White Rose'.
- It aims to help students develop a deep and long-term understanding of mathematical concepts through a structured, step-by-step approach.
- Children will be taught maths every day and will be taught in their own year groups by their class teacher.



Topics

- There will be an exciting range of lively and interactive topics. Some of these will include:

- **All About Me**
- **Kings and Queens**
- **Around the World**
- **Little People, Big Dreams**



For an overview of each topic, please refer to the Subject Knowledge Organiser available on the school website.

P.E



- Your child needs to come in their PE Kit on their designated PE days. Teachers will let you know on Class Dojo which day this is and it will also be on the school website.
- The School P.E kit is: black shorts/skorts and white t-shirt. For outdoor games in cold weather - red /navy sweatshirt or hoody, black jogging bottoms or leggings.
- Plimsolls or trainers.
- PE Kits should include extra layers for weather appropriate terms. This should also be plain clothing.





Homework

	Year 1	Year 2
	Daily reading	Daily reading
Fluency Practice	Maths Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) Weekly RWI phonics videos	Maths Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) Weekly RWI phonics videos Weekly spellings
Retrieval practice tasks		10-minute weekly workout activities for maths and SPAG using CPG books



Trips and Special Occasions

- Topic linked trips
- Topic linked visitors
- Theme Days
- Library Visits
- Sports Day
- Year 2 Camp
- Christmas Production
- Open Afternoon



***All official dates will be on the website and
newsletters***



Clubs

Some lunchtime/after school clubs include:

Gymnastics Club

Cheerleading/Dance Club

Choir Club

EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) Club

School Behaviour Systems and Rewards



Your child will continue to receive:

- **Friday Achievement Assembly:** Each week, children are awarded Value Certificates for demonstrating one of our school values, such as perseverance.
- **Class Stickers:** Children earn stickers to celebrate their effort, progress and positive behaviour.
- **Star Jar:** Classes collect stars throughout the half term. If the jar is full by the end of the half term, the class earns a special treat.
- **Class Animal & Weekend Diary:** Each week, one child takes home the class animal and weekend diary to share their adventures with the class.



Parental Involvement

We would love for you to get involved
in your child's learning at school!

- Reading to children
- Supporting activities
- Interpreter for our parents with English as an additional language

Communication

- Speak to the teacher before or after school
- Send a message via the school office
- Class Dojo (please see the website for more information)
- Letters from the school
- School's monthly newsletter
- School bulletin
- School website (please see the calendar for key dates)
- Parents evenings
- Open afternoon

***Don't just take our word
for it...***





Thank you!

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.

We are looking forward to working with you and enjoying a fantastic year ahead!