



Old Earth Primary

An information leaflet for parents about

Year 1



Welcome to Year 1

This booklet is intended to give families an overview of the Year 1 timetable and routines and other information specific to Year 1. Your child will need your support to familiarise themselves with the new routines in September, so please read this booklet together. In Year 1 the curriculum aims to build on and extend your child's experiences. Learning through play using continuous provision and enhanced activities will remain an important part of the day. Your child will experience a mix of whole class input, small group sessions and independent learning using the resources provided in the areas.

Teaching Staff

If you wish to discuss anything or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 1 Teachers:

Mrs Bolger and Miss Boylan

We are also very lucky to have the following teaching assistants who will also work alongside your children and will be happy to help with any questions you may have:

Mrs Reddcliffe, Miss Thornton and Mrs Hiley,

We look forward to working with you and your child over the coming year.

Routine



School starts at 8:45am
Morning break is 10.15am – 10.30am
Lunchtime starts at 12.:00pm
Lunchtime finishes at 1:00pm
School finishes at 3.15pm



Dress Code

A reminder that only an analogue watch and stud earrings may be worn for school. This is for the safety of all children. We also ask that all children come to school wearing school shoes. Please ensure that all of your child's uniform, including their coat, is clearly named. Please could you also ensure that long hair is tied up in a bobble. Please also ensure your child has a school book bag, as big bags will not fit on our pegs.

Holidays in Term Time

We endeavour to stay open at all times because we want to make every day count. We can authorise absence for some circumstances, but we cannot authorise absence for holidays. A form (which can be found on our website or the entrance hall) needs to be completed for any requests. It is parents' duty to have their child attending school and fines could be issued. Phonics screening is completed in June.

Communication

If your child is unable to come to school please call the school office and leave a message. If your child is not in school and we don't receive a call/message our Welfare Officer will call you to find out if your child is safe.



Our school newsletter is sent home weekly and it is important that all families read about any important dates, notices and other information. The newsletter can also be found on our school website. Each year group also has a Twitter account and this is a great way to keep up to date with what is happening in your child's class. Our Twitter account is @OldEarthYear1. You may also want to follow our school Twitter feed which is @OldEarthSchool.

Homework

Homework will be given out every **Friday**. It will be Phonics and Maths focused and should be handed in on the following **Wednesday**. If homework arrives later than Wednesday it will not be marked that week. If your child appears to be struggling, please feel free to come and see us or write a note at the bottom of the homework. Please make sure homework is completed in pencil and any colouring is done in coloured pencils.



Parents' Evening

There will be three opportunities throughout the year for formal and informal meetings. Parents and teachers will be able to discuss pastoral and academic progress and targets will be shared. In addition, an annual written report will be sent home in the final half-term.



Topics

We have planned to cover the following topics this year:

Autumn Term: Ourselves / Seasons and Celebrations.

Spring Term: Terrific Transport/ Animals from around the world

Summer Term: We are Gardeners / Our Local Area.



Note, however that these may sometimes change due to world events

Reading

The children at Old Earth School are exposed to a reading and phonics scheme called 'Little Wandle'. All children read 3 times per week and each reading session consists of a reading focus lead by a trained, staff member. Your child will take home the book that has been the focus during the week to share at home. Your child will also bring home a reading for pleasure book every Friday. These are identified by a sticker saying 'Reading for Pleasure' with a picture of an owl. Please share these books with your child and enjoy the story/book. There are a variety of books your child can choose from, including non-fiction, story books, picture books, poetry and rhymes and comic annuals. In class your child will get to opportunity to talk about the book they chose and why they would recommend it to a friend!

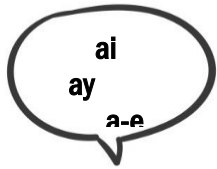


Handwriting



In Year 1 there will be a formal lesson to teach the correct letter formation and additional support where needed. Please encourage best handwriting in all work. There is a letter formation sheet in the homework book to show the correct formation.

Phonics



Our phonics teaching continues on from Reception and follows the Little Wandle Phonics scheme. In June your child will take the Year 1 national phonics screening check. This is a fun way for children to show their phonic knowledge when reading words and is a statutory requirement for all Year 1 children. It is a way for teachers to ensure that children are making sufficient progress with their phonics skills and that they are on track to become fluent, confident readers.

Spellings

Children are no longer given a weekly spelling test. However, practising spellings at home is advised. We will be working on spelling the common exception words (45) and the Phases 2 -5 tricky words (41) throughout the year. These can be found in the front of the homework book. Every day the children will have '5 to 9 spelling time'. Please ensure punctuality so they receive this practice daily. This will be taught through fun games and activities and the children always enjoy this start to their day.



Numeracy



Maths is taught daily in class, in a teacher led focused lesson. We will send maths tasks home regularly as part of homework, but please keep practising counting to 100 forwards and backwards, counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, writing numbers, using money regularly and learning how to tell the time (focus on o'clock / half past first).

Being Healthy

A healthy snack is available at most break times. Children should bring a named water bottle and they are responsible for taking it home to be washed every Friday (they are emptied and refilled each morning by an adult in school.)



PE

Our PE lessons are twice a week and days may change throughout the year. Please make sure PE kits are left at school during the week. We have an indoor lesson and an outdoor lesson every week.



Indoor PE kit: house t-shirt, pumps and shorts.

Outdoor PE kit: house t-shirt, plain track-suit bottoms and trainers.

Please ensure your child has removed their stud earrings and has socks for outdoor PE. Please also check that all clothes are named.

Drop off and Collection

Please line your child up at the top of the steps near Year 1 ready to enter school at 8.45. Please encourage children to have their reading books every day along with anything else which needs to be handed in. On collection (at 3:15pm) your child will not be allowed to leave until they see their adult on the school playground. Please notify the office in good time if someone else picks up.

