



Supporting Your Child in Class 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Summer Break! We hope that you are all rested and raring to go! This letter explains what will be taught this year and how you can support your child's learning.

Your child's teachers are Miss Bromell on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday and Miss Payne on a Wednesday and Thursday.

In the morning, the bell will ring at 8.45 am. Please make sure that your child is lining up on the playground ready so that they can enter the school with the rest of their class. If they arrive late, before 8.55, they may come straight to our door but if they arrive after that, they will need to go to the office to register. At the end of the day, we will lead the children towards our gate and we will give the children permission to go, when we have seen you. Please do not block the gate so that the children can get out to the right parents. Please be patient as we will be on our own and it will take us a while to recognise you all!

English

This term we will be using the texts 'Oi Frog', 'Supertato' and 'Handa's Hen' to inspire story writing, instructional writing and recounts.

We will be continuing with the ELS phonics scheme that they started in EYFS, reviewing sounds that they have learnt and moving onto phase 5 sounds. We will explain this and how we teach reading and writing at our parents' meeting.



Please support your child to form their letters correctly at home and encourage mark making activities in any form.

Maths

We will have a maths focus on Monday and Thursday mornings but we will also be doing a daily sessions called: 'Mastering Number' and Flashback 4. We will explain this and how we teach maths at our parents' meeting.

Useful things that can be done at home to support learning in maths:

- Counting forwards and backwards, from any start number up to and across 10. (Counting Songs and books, games like hide and seek, counting steps - asking questions: *like what will 1 more/less be?*)
- Talking about the time using vocabulary such as before, after, later, earlier, now and next when talking about activities. Learning the days of the week and months of the year in order. What day is it today/yesterday/tomorrow?
- Practically grouping and sorting objects. Using comparative language to compare quantities - more, less, fewer, equal.
- Watching Number Blocks to develop 'Number Sense'.
- Playing maths games on Busy Things, Purple Mash, Numbots and 1 Minute Maths. (We will send home details and logins for these separately).



We will send home a 'knowledge organiser' at the start of each new topic to keep you updated. These will also be put on our 'blog' on Purple Mash. Our first unit will be 'Place Value to 10'.

Other Subjects

We teach a full and enriching curriculum at Langmoor. Our Curriculum Map, along with other useful documents, can be found in the 'Year 1' section of the school website.

History	How am I making history? Develop an understanding of personal chronology and compare childhood now with childhood in the past.
Geography	What is it like here? Focus on our school grounds, using simple maps and aerial photographs to draw our own simple maps.
Science	Materials - to name, describe and compare a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock. Seasonal Changes - to observe and describe weather and day length across the four seasons.
Art	Spirals - Drawing, and mark making
DT	Food Technology - Fruit Salads
PE	Gymnastics Games - attacking and defending Dance
Music	Pulse and Rhythm
Computing	Online Safety Grouping and Sorting Pictograms
PSHCE	Family and Relationships Citizenship
RE	Who do Christians say made the World? Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

Homework

Please use the home reading records to record reading at home. When they have completed a 'home reading record' sheet, bring it to school so that your child can receive a Book Worm certificate! Regular daily reading is the most important homework you can do with your child. It is important that your child's book bag comes to school daily.

Your child will also have a learning log and most weeks we will set a weekly task, linked to the learning in school. We use the Purple Mash class a lot to share information, so please make sure that you check this, weekly. Homework will be set most Fridays, to be returned by the following Thursday. This will be explained at the parents' meeting:

Friday 5th September at 1.30pm in the school hall. You should have received a separate letter about this. We will be sharing a lot of important information and it's important that you attend, (even if you have an older child that has gone through the school). You are welcome to send somebody to attend in your place, if you are unable to attend.

Uniform and P.E

Please could you ensure that children are in the correct uniform for the school day. Boys should wear grey or black trousers or shorts, a white shirt or polo shirt and a blue school jumper. You can either purchase a jumper or sweatshirt from Gascoigne Clothing or buy a plain blue jumper from a shop. We sell iron on badges in the office.

Girls should wear grey skirts, pinafores or trousers a white shirt or polo shirt and a blue school jumper or cardigan. Again these can either be purchased from Gascoigne Clothing or a plain one bought and a badge ironed on. In the warmer months girls may also wear a blue checked dress.

Can we also ask that children wear black or dark coloured shoes rather than trainers, and unless your child can do laces themselves, please do not send them in lace up shoes. They will also require a pair of black named plimsols as we wear these indoors.

Our PE days will be **Mondays and Fridays**. On these days, children need to come to school in the correct PE kit. For health and safety reasons **NO JEWELLERY** is to be worn. Staff are unable to remove or take responsibility for the safe keeping of jewellery. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings we would suggest that you remove them before they come to school.

Water bottles

Please ensure water bottles are named and are taken home daily. Only water is allowed.



We communicate regularly with each other, so please do not hesitate to speak to either of us, in the morning or at the end of the day.

We are looking forward to getting to know your children better and nurturing them further along their educational journey. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our parents' meeting on 5th September at 1.30pm.

Your Year 1 Team

Miss Bromell, Miss Payne,

Welcome to Year 1

