



# **Welcome to Year One**

Class: 3

Teacher: Mrs Egerton

Teaching Assistant: Miss Bailey

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Please can you make sure all contact details and medical information is up-to-date on your Arbor app. If you have any queries please refer to the Arbor email from the summer term for instructions on how to access and amend your account. If you have any difficulties, please speak to a member of our office staff.



If you need to contact us the school phone number is 01782 973810. Please note that when we ring you from this number it will show up as a withheld number.



You can e-mail us on [admin@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk) and visit our school website for forms, policies, holiday dates, newsletters and much, much more at [www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk)



You can join us on Twitter to follow the daily fun we have in school @KnypersleyFirst

Facebook page to follow!

Each week you will receive a newsletter via email, it will also be on our website. Please ensure that you read this, so that you are fully informed of all the important information that you need regarding events and messages.



If you have any concerns, queries or questions about your child, our weekly drop in is on **Monday 3.15-4pm.**

There will be three parents meetings throughout the year for you to discuss your child's progress, achievements and next steps. Dates to be confirmed on the newsletter and website.



**Learning Together, Learning For Life.**

## Checklist...

- PE is on Friday-please wear PE kits to school all day
  - Swimming on Monday-please wear school uniform and bring your kit with you in a bag (including a swimming hat)
- Please ensure that earrings are removed before school on both of these days.*
- Home School Communication Folder sent in daily.
  - Weekly spellings will be allocated on Spelling Shed on a Friday and need to be practised throughout the week for a test the following Friday
  - Drop-in is on a Monday
  - Complete at least three choice pieces of homework each half term, as well as the set menu activities weekly and daily.

## Other Important Information...

Reading Ranch Lending Library day-Thursdays  
School library day-Fridays

Autumn disco 3rd November

### Forest School

Friday 6th January, Friday 13th January

Friday 20th January, Friday 27th January

Forest School Parent Engagement session– Friday 3rd February

If your child is unwell or absent for ANY reason you **MUST** contact us that morning to let us know that your child is safe. Mrs Cooper and our Education Welfare Officer monitor attendance weekly and will contact parents of pupils who are raising



Please may we ask that you let us know if another member of the family or a friend is collecting your child at the end of the day. We need to make sure your child is safe when going home at the end of the day.



If you would like to help in school then we would be very pleased to see you! You can help for an hour or a whole day! You do need a DBS check with school. Please see Mrs Egerton or your class teacher if you would like to help us.



The PTFA are a friendly bunch and raise lots amount of money for the children of the school. They organise events such as the Christmas and Summer Fayres and discos! Why not come along to our next meeting and share your ideas? 27.9.22 at 6pm



## Our Curriculum



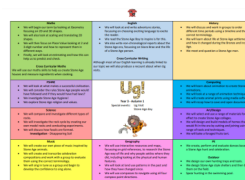
We have identified key, life long skills which we believe are integral to the future success of our children as life long learners. We call them our Curriculum Drivers. Our whole school curriculum provision develops and embeds these skills through a progressive and sequential approach. Our curriculum has been designed with our school context, resources and pupils in mind. For more information please visit our website and click on Our School, Curriculum and scroll down.



In English lessons your child will have the opportunity to listen to, read and write in different styles (genres) such as instructions, stories and reports, to name but a few. They will use speaking and listening, and drama to support and inspire their writing.



In Maths lessons your child will develop a variety of strategies in mental and written maths using the CPAR model—concrete (using objects such as Numicon, counters etc) pictorial (drawing), abstract (doing it in their head) and reasoning. We use White Rose Maths and other resources to compliment and expand their knowledge.



Our topics in Year 1 also link to our English and Maths topics too. Please see the next page for more information.

# Our Themes This Year...



## Marvellous Me

We will learn all about what makes us marvellous! We will think about how we have changed since being born and discuss things that have happened in that time, such as how our own toys have changed. We will think about our own family and how they are similar and how they are different to other families. We will explore our local area and what our homes are like, comparing them to what they were like in the past - thinking about what is similar and what is different. We will draw and paint pictures of ourselves and things that are important to us.



## Famous for more than five minutes

We will study people who have made significant contributions both nationally and internationally. We will learn about their achievements and try some projects in their areas of expertise such as art, music, leadership, science, adventuring and invention. We will become outdoor adventurers as we explore our school grounds, including taking part in our Forest School sessions. We will be inspired by these role models to dream of what we might achieve in the future!



## We are Britain

We will learn about the countries and capitals of the UK, thinking about what makes them special. We will learn how to bake a tasty delight from each of the four countries. We will find out about the Monarchy and compare Queen Elizabeth II with Queen Victoria. We will learn fundamental information (linked to British Values), key geographical vocabulary and important skills such as using maps, atlases and globes. We will discover seaside towns in Great Britain and think about the coming of railways and the history of Seaside Holidays.



Here at Knypersley First School we follow the **Little Wandle Letters and Sounds** phonics and early reading scheme. Learning to become a reader is a very important aspect of our little ones' lives. By working together, consistently and with enthusiasm we can all make a huge difference in the development and progress of reading!

Phonics is a way of teaching children to read quickly and skilfully.

They are taught how to:

- \* Recognise the sounds that individual letters make
- \* Identify the sounds that different combinations of letters make - such as 'sh' or 'oo'
- \* Blend these sounds together from left to right to make a word

Children are taught to read words by blending, which means pushing all the sounds together to make a word. The children are taught to spell words by segmenting, which means sounding out words and writing down the sounds they can hear.

Your child will **NEED** to bring their reading book and planner in their folder **EVERYDAY!** We shall hear your child read as part of a group three times a week. E Books to practice reading will be allocated on Wednesdays.

Your child will also be able to borrow a sharing book from our school library each week to promote the love of reading.

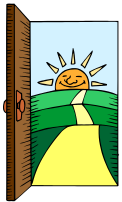
Parent Pay—dinner money, class visits and clubs are now paid for using Parent Pay. If you need a payment card then please see the office.



## Teachers 2 Parents-Texts

We do send important messages by text, as well as individual celebration messages. If you change your number please let us know!





Our doors open at 8:45am each morning. Messages can be given to the member of staff on the door, via email or the office. If you are late then please sign your child in at the office and remember to order a hot dinner if required.

### **Staff who can help you...**

All the staff can help - Your class teacher or year group staff.

### **Our senior leadership team are as follows:**

- \* Mrs Z Cooper – Head Teacher
- \* Mrs C Egerton – Assistant Head Teacher & English Lead
- \* Mr Gillespie– Inclusion Lead
- \* Mrs N Minton – Maths Lead
- \* Miss L Leese – EYFS Lead

### **Parent Engagement**

Little Wandle Information Meetings-4th October  
9.15am and 6pm  
Parent engagement session 14th October 9.15am  
Christmas Fair 25th November  
Year 1 Nativity 13th December  
Mitchell Arts Centre Panto 16th December  
Forest School Parent Engagement session– Friday 3rd February



Homework will be sent home each half term on a homework menu and will be based on the learning that has taken place the half term before so that your child can apply what they have learnt.

Your child can choose the activities they wish to complete BUT they MUST complete at least three activities. Work can be completed and returned by email or in the home learning book which will be collected at the end of each half term.

### **SET MENU**

Weekly spellings using Spelling Shed  
Daily reading  
Counting in 2's, 5's and 10's

### **CHOICE MENU**

We add a variety of choices including design it, write it, explore it, perform it etc—these vary each half term to try to inspire everyone. Pick at least three of these each half term

