

# Year 1: Everything you need to know

## Our Classroom

Our classroom is situated on the infant corridor. You will therefore enter and exit school at the same entrance as you did in reception class, just off the Early Years playground. In Year 1 we do a mixture of continuous provision and more formal lessons. Where lessons are more formal, children have access to lots of practical and play based resources to enhance learning. We have first-hand experiences as well as 'hooks' to create an exciting learning environment for all.

In year 1 we also continue to use the EYFS playground during the day for outdoor provision.

## What do I need to bring to school?

- Please bring a labelled water bottle and your school reading book and record, every day. You may also bring a healthy snack for morning break. Fruit is provided daily for all children in Year 1.
- On PE days (Monday and Wednesday) you should come to school wearing your PE kit appropriate for the weather e.g. tracksuit pants in the winter, shorts in the summer. Hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed as

per our earring policy. If children cannot remove earrings themselves, please do so in the morning before school on PE days. Thank you.

- Please ensure that all items of clothing, especially jumpers and cardigans are labelled with your child's name.
- Lunches – Children in Year 1 are entitled to a free school lunch. Please help your child to choose their lunch via the following link:

<https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk/login.aspx>

Children may bring a packed lunch if they prefer.

## Year 1 Homework

### Reading

Each day we ask that you are read to at home (a variety of lovely books) and that you regularly practise your school reading book so that you are ready to change it at least once per week. You may change your book any day of the week by adding it into the book changing box on entry to school.

If you attend breakfast club, the staff there will help you to locate the box.

Children will be given the opportunity to choose a class library book every Friday for home reading for both pleasure and breadth. We also encourage you to take regular trips to our local library in Clitheroe to select new titles for bedtime stories.

Occasionally, word lists may be given that are matched to the phonics sounds being taught to practise further at home.

### Spellings

Each week children will be given a list of spellings to be practised at home (alongside the teaching and practise that occurs in school).

### Other subjects

We do not give any formal homework for other subjects. This is because the evidence states that it has little impact on outcomes and we would much prefer children using their home time for fun, playing outdoors, visiting family and friends and hobbies. However, if you wish to do anything informally, then counting up to, and beyond 100 regularly, would be beneficial. This could be done whilst playing catch etc. Once children can count in ones forwards, try counting backwards. Children could count in tens, e.g. 10, 20, 30 etc or in steps of five or two.

Children might also learn their address 'off by heart' as this will be relevant in both our geography topic and in keeping ourselves safe in PSHE.

## Queries/Concerns

If you have any queries or anything else that you would like to communicate with us, then we very much have an open-door policy. A member of staff will be on hand to speak with you on entry to school or after school when the children are being collected without an appointment. Please just catch us at the door.

If this is not possible due to work commitments, please arrange a telephone call via Mrs McManus in the school office on 01200 422239. Alternatively, you can email her at [bursar@edisford.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@edisford.lancs.sch.uk).

## Reading Volunteers

In Reception and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) we are always looking for volunteers who may be able to volunteer an afternoon to help our children with their reading. If you, or any grandparents are able to donate your time at all, please see the class teacher. Thank you