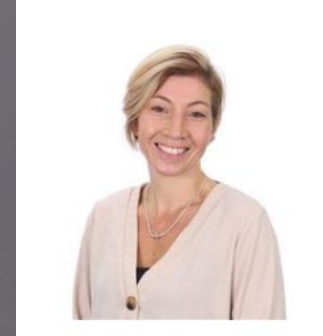


PARENT INFORMATION

Year 1



Staff in Year One
Class Teacher - Mrs Stannard



Teaching Assistant-
Mrs Sapsford



PPA cover - Mrs Arnold



HOME - SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

A positive relationship between home and school is crucial.

Throughout the year there will be parent meetings.

All children are individuals and encouraged to be the best they can be.

Children are rewarded through: House points, Head teacher awards, Celebration assemblies, Artist of the month, Reading awards and Sports awards.

Punctuality

Why punctuality matters in Year 1

A calm, on-time start helps children feel ready and able to learn.

10 minutes late each day

adds up to

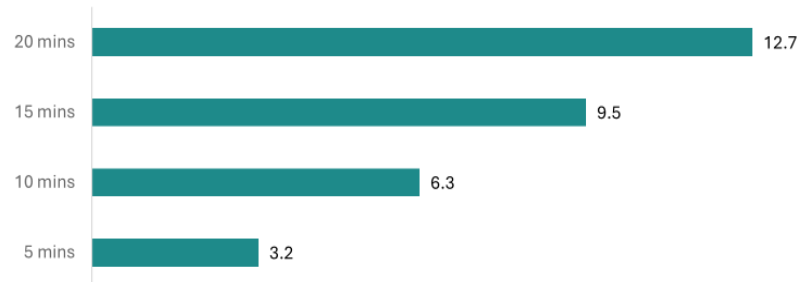
31 hours 40 minutes

of missed learning across the year

About 6 school days

Based on 190 school days and an approximate five-hour teaching day.

Minutes soon add up



Being on time helps your child...

- ✓ Join the full phonics or reading session
- ✓ Settle calmly and hear the day's instructions
- ✓ Feel confident, included and ready to learn

Every minute of learning matters

Rewards!

- ▣ Star of the Day - A star of the day is chosen every day for various reasons. We award a sticker as well as having their photo up on the board. Stars of the day get to sit on the special chair, have special jobs to do and are always first in the line!
- ▣ Pom poms in buckets - Pom poms are awarded in year 1. This can be for excellent work, trying hard, persevering, being kind etc. The list goes on! When the bucket is full the children get to choose a special voucher which will go home with them.
- ▣ For every pom pom there is a house point awarded.
- ▣ We have a 'Wow Work' board where special work is on display.

READING

- ▣ Every child will read in a group practise reading session 3 times a week. In year 1 our books will go home on a Wednesday and we ask that they are returned the following Wednesday. A sharing book will also be chosen by the children to read at home.
- ▣ Please make sure you write in the reading record so that we can count the reads. It is really helpful to have a comment about your child's reading including anything they have enjoyed, found easy or struggled with. School staff use a red pen so it would be really helpful if you could use an alternative colour.
- ▣ Reads will be counted from the 7th September. As our books went home on the 9th, please add any reads to be counted for the Monday and Tuesday.

WHY READING AT HOME MATTERS

Year 1 - just 10 minutes a day can make a BIG difference!

Reading regularly at home is one of the most valuable ways you can support your child's reading, confidence and love of books.

Did you know?

54%

Only around 54% of 5-7-year-olds are read with by an adult every day.

64%

Around 64% of 5-7-year-olds are reported as liking or loving reading.

2x

Children aged 3-7 who enjoy reading are about twice as likely to read independently every day.

+4

Parental-engagement approaches are associated with around four additional months of progress on average.

Aim for 10 minutes every day

Little and often is best. Ten minutes a day adds up to more than an hour of extra reading practice every week.

1. Let your child read to YOU

Please regularly read your child's Little Wandle decodable book together.

Encourage them to:

- Look carefully at each word
- Say the sounds
- Blend the sounds together
- Re-read sentences to build fluency
- Talk about what they have read

Tip: Try not to tell them the word straight away. Give them time to use their phonics.

2. Keep reading TO your child

Even when children begin to read independently, sharing stories together remains incredibly valuable.

Choose books they love, including books that are too difficult for them to read alone. Talk about new words, predict what might happen next and discuss the characters.

Most importantly: enjoy the story together!

Make reading part of everyday life

Bedtime stories, library books, comics, magazines, recipes, signs and even cereal boxes all give children opportunities to notice words, practise reading and enjoy language.

READ TOGETHER | TALK TOGETHER | ENJOY BOOKS TOGETHER

Every page helps to grow a reader.

Figures: BookTrust research on shared reading and reading enjoyment; Education Endowment Foundation Teaching and Learning Toolkit (Parental Engagement).

Phonics

- ▣ We are continuing with our Little Wandle reading and phonics scheme. Reading groups take place on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Year One. Books will go home every Wednesday. It is helpful to have books in children's bags every day as we will try to fit in extra reading whenever we have an opportunity!
- ▣ Phonics is taught daily, currently in two different groups. Phonics assessments take place half termly.
- ▣ Phonics Screening will be in June next year. More information for parents will be available a little closer to the time.

Behaviour

- ▣ High expectations for all children in terms of behaviour ensures all children will feel safe and happy.
- ▣ Children are aware of our RESPECT ethos and this is for all children and adults in our school. We will be having a RESPECT workshop with Mrs Delgado too.
- ▣ Being a role model inside and outside of school helps the children to be the best they can be.

P.E.

Our P.E. day is a Friday. Please come into school every Friday in P.E. kit. Our 'Mighty Mile' will take place on a Friday too.

- ▣ Please label all of your children's P.E kit in either a permanent pen or a sewn in label.



- ▣ Bug spray!

Cultural Capital

- ▣ As well as our usual topics and curriculum we aim to provide the children with extra experiences to enhance their life experiences and add some fun, joy and wonder to their lives. This may include spending time at the beach, the playground, cooking, planting, playing, to name a few. We will finish our Year One with a trip to Belfairs for den building, bug hunting and natural art.

Homework

Reading is our main homework in year 1.

10 minutes every day is hugely beneficial and we would really encourage families to fit that in. Please write in the reading record when reading has taken place.

In addition we will be sending home a phonics and tricky words sheet and that have been taught that week. Please do practise with the children.

There will also be a maths 'Number Blast' activity. These will be 5 simple questions with an additional challenge. It is a starter point for the children and hopefully they will be inspired to practise more number activities too!

Website - www.sgcps.co.uk

PHOTOS

We do use photos as evidence in our books and do like to upload photos (without names) for the newsletter to share the exciting events in year one.

If you are happy for this to happen, do please update any permission slips.

Please help us!

- ▣ Do share any concerns with us.
- ▣ Please label clothes, water bottles, lunch boxes, everything!
- ▣ Have spare clothes in their bags.
- ▣ Please encourage your children to be independent and responsible for themselves and their things.
- ▣ Water bottles must be in school every day and labelled. Only water in the classroom please.
- ▣ Fruit or vegetables are provided for snack but children may bring their own piece of fruit or vegetable if they wish.
- ▣ Lunch boxes must not contain nuts.
- ▣ Home time - From 3.10pm for Year 1.

- ▣ Ensure personal contact details are up to date in the office.
- ▣ Changes to end of day collection arrangements - Either let an adult know in the morning or email/phone the school office.
- ▣ Ensure children have a sun hat in their bag and a coat as our weather is so unpredictable!
- ▣ The children will become very tired as the term progresses, please send them to bed early!

Punctuality - Working for punctuality points - Being late impacts on learning. There are class punctuality rewards!

Attendance - We want to see you - However, remember it's 48 hours off for sickness and diarrhoea.

Communicating - Please communicate through the office where all information is passed on, I will get back to you as soon as I can.

School Uniform - Uniform changes are indicated on newsletters and on the school website. Please label everything!

Please ensure children have coats in school.

Topics

- ▣ We are currently looking at 'All about me'.
- ▣ Our R.E. topic is currently all about Creation.

Year 1



We are going to have a fun filled year with opportunities for all to shine.

Supporting your child and the year 1 team will ensure we can all be the best we can be.

Thank you for coming and listening, any questions please feel free to email the office and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Thank you for coming to
our parent meeting.