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School



Welcome to Year 1

MEET THE TEAM

SEPTEMBER 2023



Meet the Team

Cedar Class Teacher and YGL
Miss Michel

Willow Class Teacher
Miss Georgiou

Elm Class Teacher
Miss Beltran

Birch Class Teacher
Mrs Aristocleous

FIPC Student:
Miss Plastiras



Support Staff:
Mrs Ashwell
Mrs Azirou
Mrs Dunn
Mrs Naik
Miss O'Malley
Mr Stimson

**EYFS and Year 1 Phase
Leader**
Mrs Pearson



Our Vision and Values



At Hazelwood, we believe in nurturing responsible citizens to achieve educational excellence by inspiring awe and wonder through a real, relevant, immersive and purposeful curriculum.



Our shared values are at the heart of all we do.

Believe and Achieve



The School Day

Soft Start in the mornings – **between 8:45-8:55am** – Children come straight into class.

Our break and lunch times are:

Morning break 10:30am – 10.45am

Lunch 12.00pm-1.00pm

Our school day finishes at **3:15pm**

Willow – dismissed from external classroom door

Cedar – dismissed from the ramp by the staffroom

Elm – dismissed from external classroom door

Birch – dismissed from external classroom door into the pencil playground



Our Aims



- Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Early Years Foundation Stage to Key Stage One.
- The Year 1 curriculum extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. During the first half term, children will learn through structured, play based activities which builds upon their Early Years experience.
- We believe in providing children with a broad and well balanced curriculum through a range of individual, small group and large group activities.
- Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day, so that, as the year progresses, the children will remain motivated, enthused and eager learners.



The Year 1 Curriculum

Over the year, the children will be working on different topics across the curriculum which will cover the key knowledge and skills outlined in the National Curriculum. Click here to access the [Year 1 Curriculum Overview](#) on the Website



History:
The History of
Hazelwood
School



Geography:
Weather



Science:
Forest Schools



R.E:
Christianity



D&T:
Mechanisms –
leavers and sliders



Computing:
E- Safety

Reading



In school:

Daily guided reading

Daily phonics

At home:

The children will take **one** decodable reading books home every week as well as book from our book corner for their enjoyment. We would really appreciate it if you could read with your child **everyday** and **record in your child's yellow reading record book**.

The children's reading books will be changed on a weekly rota.

Phonics Support for Parents: **Little Wandle Letters and Sounds** website and we will hold some parents workshops also in the Autumn term

Book bags need to be brought into school everyday please as there will be opportunities throughout the school day where adults in the classroom will read with the children.



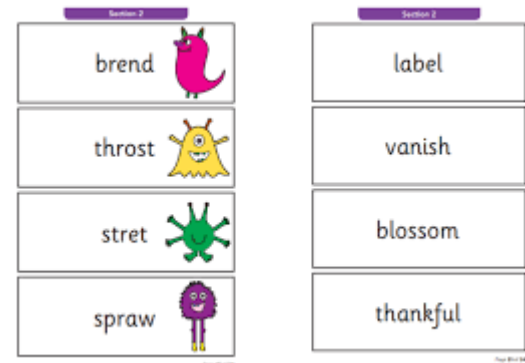
English and Maths

- English and Mathematics are taught daily. In these lessons we focus on teaching the children key skills, through practical and problem solving activities.
- Our lessons are adapted to meet the needs of all children and we provide different opportunities for independent, group and paired work.



Phonic Screening - June 2024

- Takes place in June (date TBC)
- The screening check helps to identify children who have phonic decoding skills below the level expected for the end of year 1 and who therefore needs additional support. The screening check ensures that teachers understand which children need support with decoding.
- This is not a reading test



Things to look forward to

- Christmas show – TBC
- Trip to the church – part of R.E unit on Christianity –Nov
- Stuart day – to immerse the children into their history unit of the Great Fire of London
- Firefighters in school
- Trip to Paradise Wildlife park – March
- Chicks in school



PE



- PE days are:
Thursdays and **Fridays** for **all of Year 1**. These will change after the half term.
- Children should come to school in their PE kit on PE Days
- Indoor PE kit should consist of: shorts, t-shirt and trainers.
- Outdoor PE kit should consist of the same as the indoor kit, plus trainers, tracksuit bottoms and a long-sleeve top for cold weather
- Long hair should be tied back.
- No jewellery. For Health and Safety reasons, staff are not allowed to remove a child's earrings. This must be done either by the child or their carer beforehand.



Homework



Google Classroom



At Hazelwood Schools, we believe that homework should provide opportunities to:

- reinforce learning that has taken place in the classroom
- provide opportunities for parents to become more familiar with their child's learning and enjoy a shared learning experience with their child
- prepare children for the next academic stage of their school life
- develop valuable life skills and good work habits such as organisation and time management
- foster independence, confidence and resilience
- inspire creativity and curiosity outside of the classroom

In addition, homework at Hazelwood should be:

- enjoyable and accessible
- consistent across all classes in a year group as well as show consistency across the school
- pitched at the right level for the child's attainment
- manageable for busy family lifestyles

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Reading

In Reception and Year 1, children will be allocated a phonetically decodable book once a week based on teacher phonics assessment, alongside a reading for pleasure book of their choice.

Expected Weekly Homework – Maths and Spelling

Expected weekly homework will be found on [Google Classroom](#) and will usually require online completion. Homework will be set on a Thursday and be expected to be completed by the following Tuesday.

Maths

From Year 1, Maths homework - based on the child's level of understanding - will be set each week to support children with prior and/or upcoming learning.

Spelling

In Year 1, children will be provided with a weekly phonics sheet identifying the sounds they have learnt that week and a selection of words with those sounds to practise reading and writing.



School Uniform

- Children should always be smart
- School jumper (worn or held, not tied around the waist)
- White or red polo shirt – always tucked in
- Black / grey trousers / skirt
- Black shoes (no coloured laces etc...)
- Hair should be tied back if long
- No nail varnish and stud earrings only
- No other jewellery unless for religious reasons (all jewellery must be removed for PE)





Attendance and Punctuality

- Please make sure your child is in school and on time.
- Being late has an impact on your child's attendance record.
- Attendance is important. Research shows that a 1% increase in attendance can lead to a 5% increase in attainment.
- However, please do not send your child to school if they are sick!
- To report an absence, please visit our website and click on 'Report an Absence'





Other notes...

- **Healthy snacks only please** – no crisps or chocolate
- **Water bottles** – should be labelled and brought into school every day
- **No Nuts** – please be aware we are a nut free school & there are children with severe nut allergies.
- **Birthdays** – packaged items only, no items that may contain nuts (we have a number of vegetarian/halal children)
- **Speaking to us** – our relationship with parents/carers is really important. The best way is to communicate via email through the office with a reason why you need to speak to us and we will give you a call back as soon as we can! Or speak to SLT in the mornings or catch us at the end of the day.

Communication

- Positive and effective communication is vitally important in Year 1 to ensure your child has the most successful year possible.
- We will communicate with you in the following ways:
 - Website
 - Weekly round-up
 - End of the day
 - Emails



School Website

www.hazelwoodschoools.org.uk



Any
Questions
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