

**Year 1**

**Introduction**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

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- To explain the rules and routines of Year 1
- To explain the changes from EYFS to Year 1

# OUR TEAM

## **Teachers**

Miss Lee & Miss Neilson

## **LSAs**

Mrs Mould & Miss Waters

## **PPA Cover**

Mrs Robertson & Mrs Waugh

## **SEN Support LSAs**

Mrs Hawker, Mrs Abbott, Mrs Spracklen  
& Miss Dyer

# TOPICS

This year our topics will be...

**Autumn:** Magical Kingdoms

**Spring:** Superheroes

**Summer:** Paws and Claws

School Trips – Paradise Wildlife Park  
(tbc)

# THE SCHOOL DAY

In Year 1 there is a more structured timetable covering the core subjects (English, Maths and Science) and foundation subjects (History, Geography, PSHE, RE, Computing, Art & Design, DT, Music and PE)

A typical day would be...

- Register
- Phonics
- English
- Snack & Playtime (snack is provided by Government)
- Maths
- Lunchtime
- Register
- Guided Reading
- Phonics
- Topic

# PE

- Our PE day is **Thursday** and **Friday**
- Children are required to come to school in their PE kit (Black shorts and their coloured House T-Shirt) They should also have a dark pair of jogging bottoms and hoodie as we will be doing PE outside as much as possible depending on weather.
- Children are allowed to wear trainers (Velcro) on PE day.

# PE

- **No earrings on PE days** – Essex County Council guidelines state ‘school children are no longer allowed to tape up their ears to cover earrings for PE or other sporting activities. This is due to injuries received by several pupils across Essex. Therefore, children will need to be able to independently remove their earrings or they will be unable to take part’
- All long hair should also be tied up. No novelty hairbands.

# UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

- Please ensure all items are named.
- Please remember coats/jackets– we do go out to play even if it is raining!
- Black shoes – no trainers except on PE day
- No nail varnish
- Water bottle every day please – **no juice or flavoured water**
- School bookbags only



# ASSESSMENT

- Children are assessed in reading at least half termly but it is ongoing. Children should have their books and reading diaries in their book bag everyday.
- Termly Assessments in Maths, English and Reading
- Yr1 Phonics Screening
- Children are assessed (set by the Government) as
  - Working Towards the Expected Standard
  - Working at the Expected Standard
  - Working at Greater Depth within the Expected Standard

# HOMework

- Ideally your child should be reading everyday and not just their school reading books. Children can change their books once they have read them as and when required. However all children will change their reading books on a Friday if they have not done so during the week.
- Recommended reading books for Year 1 can be found at <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/> (link is also on website)

# HOMWORK

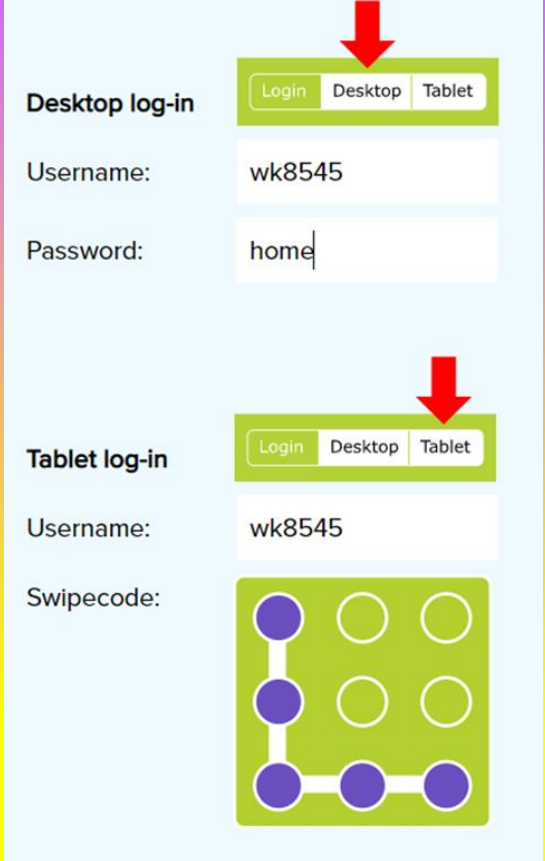
- Children will also have access to our new handwriting scheme

**We use the letter-join programme to teach handwriting from EYFS to Year 4.**

**Children are able to access this at home via a desktop or tablet at <https://www.letterjoin.co.uk/log-in.html> using the appropriate login.**

**Children can click on their class name to practice specific handwriting skills related to their year group or 'free play' for a range of skills.**

- E-Safety



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# BEHAVIOUR

- **Rewards** – Children are rewarded using house points, texts, postcards, Star of the Day and Star of the Week
- **Sanctions** – We have traffic light warning charts in classrooms which may result in children missing some of their playtime or lunchtime
- Behaviour Policy is currently under review

# COMMUNICATION

- If you need to speak to the class teacher please call the school office on 01268 571018, use the school text system or send an email to the school office [admin@abacus.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@abacus.essex.sch.uk) Our office team will pass on any messages and staff will return calls if necessary.
- The Weekly Newsletter is on our website.

**QUESTIONS?**