

Welcome to the Year 1

Meet the Teacher Meeting

September 2024



Year 1 Teachers



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Our Values

learners
today,
leaders
tomorrow

Generosity

We are generous
in our words and
actions

Honesty

We are honest
with ourselves
and others

Aspiration

We continually
strive to be the
best we can be

Resilience

We are resilient
to the challenges
we face daily

Respect

We show respect
for those around us,
the diversity of our
community and for
our environment

Responsibility

We take responsibility
for our learning, our
behaviour and the
choices we make

At Whitchurch we have **six core values** which we underpin in **everything we do**. They are covered in weekly assemblies, linked to our behaviour rewards, star assemblies and regularly interwoven into our teaching.

We expect everyone in our community to share these values.

Attendance and Punctuality



- Daily attendance at school is of the **utmost importance**.
- Please ensure that your child is always on time:
 - The school gates open at 8:35am
 - We expect all Year 1 children to be in their classroom by 9:00am
- **Please do not book holidays during term times** – these **will not be approved** and your child will have these days recorded as unauthorised.
- As much as possible, please ensure you book appointments outside of school day.

Absence = Lost Opportunity!

100% attendance

0 days / 0 lessons missed

95% attendance

9 days / 45 lessons missed

90% attendance

19 days / 95 lessons missed

85% attendance

28 days / 140 lessons missed

Pick up and Drop off times



Morning drop off:

Children should be dropped at either main gate or Marsh Lane which are opened at **8.35am**. We have a 'soft start' which means children can arrive from **8.35am until 8.55am** when the gates are locked. After that time children are registered as late and should report to the main school office.

Afternoon collection;

Learning time finishes at **3.20pm** and parents/carers need to wait patiently at the patio door. Sometimes it might be a few minutes later. If you want to speak to the teacher please wait until we have dismissed all other children (the handing over of children is our priority at the end of the day).



Booking School Meals



We strongly recommend a hot school meal in the middle of the day. Children are supported in the hall and we ensure they are encouraged to eat and **try new things**.

Kindly book for the full half term through ParentPay. We have bands which are given to the children in the morning. The colour is dependent on your child's choice of food:

Red: meat and fish option

Green: vegetarian options

Yellow: vegan or alternative option



Packed lunches are discouraged for a number of reasons;

- Difficult to ensure a **healthy balance** of all the essential food groups.
- We have a number of children with **extremely serious allergies** and have to be strict about the food coming into school.
- More difficult for us to **monitor what children are eating**.
- We may **replace any packed lunch that is not compliant with our lunch policies** (we will of course advise parents of our concerns).

Healthy Eating

If your child has packed lunches, please refer to this nutritional guidance

Packed Lunch Guidance

Everyday:

- 1 portion of fruit
- 1 portion of vegetables
- 1 portion of protein *(to help you grow and stay healthy)*
This includes: meat, fish, chickpeas, lentils, kidney beans, falafel, hummus.
- 1 portion of starchy food *(for energy!)*
This includes: potatoes, pasta, bread, rice, couscous, noodles, cereals.
- 1 portion of dairy *(to build up strength)*
This includes: milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais, custard.

Once a week:

- Source of Omega *(to help your overall health)*
This includes: oily fish, flaxseeds, chia seeds, soy beans, kidney beans.

Drink:

- Only water, milk or yoghurt drinks

*You can have healthy treats in your lunch
– but eat these after everything else!*

Fridays Only:

- Chocolate bars
- Crisps
- Processed Food: sausage rolls, pies, corned meat/sausages

NO NUTS

NO FIZZY DRINKS

NO FAST FOODS
(burgers, chips, McDonalds, KFC etc)

Key Information: School Uniform



- We ask that your child always has on a clean uniform.
- Red sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without school logo)
- White polo shirt (with or without school logo)
- Dark grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress / red and white dress for the summer
- Smart black school shoes.
- Shirts should be tucked in **at all times.**
- If your child has shoe laces for either their school shoes or PE shoes, please ensure you are teaching them how to tie them if they do not know already.
- Please ensure all uniform and PE items are **labelled so they can be easily identified.**



Key Information: Physical Education



PE kits

Children come to school in their P.E. kit:

- Coloured t-shirt (with or without school logo) - depending on team colour
- Black shorts
- Grey sweatshirt – outdoors
- Grey tracksuit bottoms – outdoors
- Black plimsolls or black trainers
- White or grey socks
- **No jewellery**

PE Days

1RA: Wednesdays (Indoor) & Thursdays (Outdoor)

1PD: Tuesday (Indoor) & Thursday (Outdoor)

1IN: Tuesday (Indoor) & Thursday (Outdoor)

1SM: Thursday (Outdoor) & Friday (Indoor)



Key Information: Reading at Home



Reading at home

Children are expected to read at least **10 minutes** of their reading book each evening.

Reading records: Reading books are changed and reading records are checked by an adult every **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday**. Please can you **sign your child's reading record** to indicate your child has read each day.



Key Information: Home Learning



Day due /checked	Subject	Details
Daily	Reading	10 minutes reading per day to an adult at least 5 days per week. Recorded in diaries.
Tuesday	Diary	Signed by parent/carer weekly. Checked by a class teachers weekly
Daily	Spellings Tested on Tuesdays	Help your child to learn weekly spelling. Writing simple spelling sentences is encouraged although not compulsory.
Wednesday	Maths & English	Homework will be set every Friday . Children will be given their homework books to complete homework in. Homework is due in the following Wednesday .

Key Information: Spellings



- Each week the children record their list of spellings into their reading records. These words can also be found on the **Year 1 year group page on the school website**.
- Please can you ensure the children are **practicing these spellings everyday**. The children can choose to practice these spellings using the look – copy – cover strategy found within their reading records.

We will have our first spelling test next week.



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are tested every week (usually on Tuesdays).

Autumn Term Curriculum

Our main topic this term is: This is Me!

See our [curriculum newsletter](#) for more details.

Files to Download

[Autumn 1 Spellings](#)

[Y1 Autumn 1 Medium Term Plan](#)

[Year 1 timetable \(Autumn 1 2022\)](#)

Key Information



Book bags – they should come into **school everyday**.

Ensure children have their reading records and their **phonics books** with them in their book bag **everyday**.

Children should not be bringing: toys, gadgets, smart watches or phones.

No party bags / food – if a child has birthday we will of course mark it and perhaps read their favourite book/ sing happy birthday but we **never give out food or party bags**.

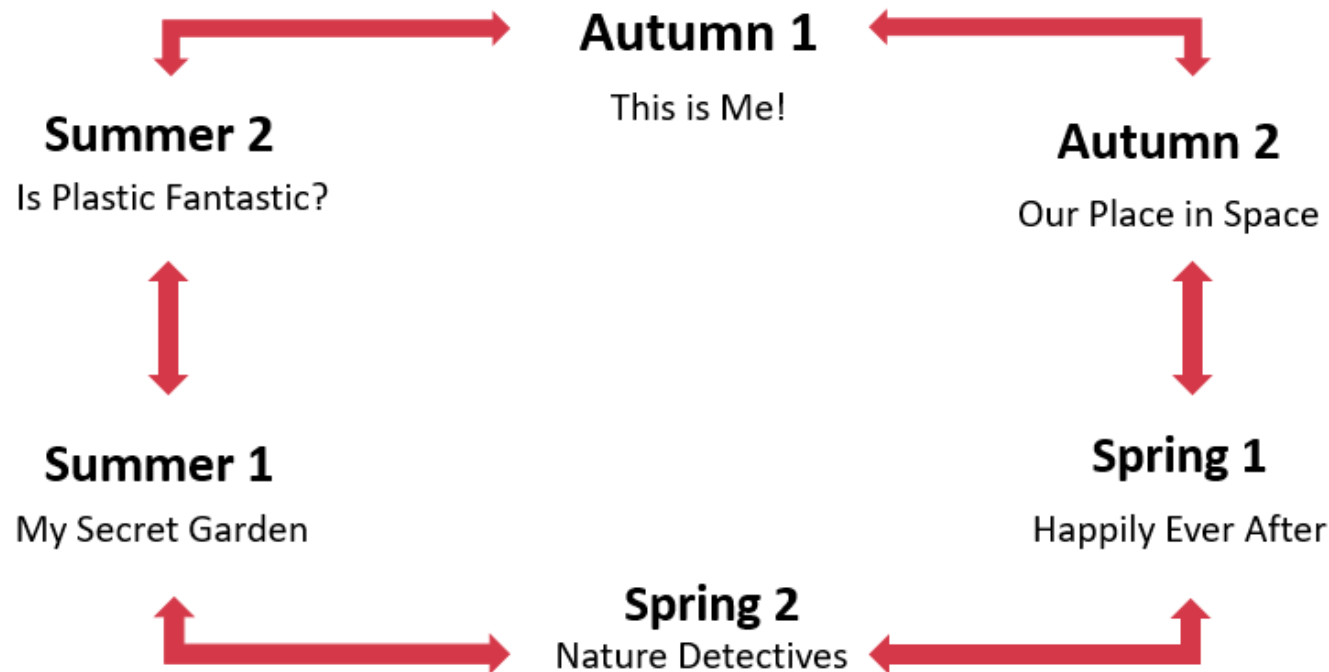
Year 1 Curriculum



At Whitchurch, we plan a personalised and interesting curriculum which centres around your child. This half term our topic across the curriculum is **This is Me**.

This topic interlinks across the different subject to help the children make links between their knowledge and skills.

For example, in Science, we are learning about different parts of our body. In History, we are looking at the difference between childhood now and then. In Art, we are creating our own portraits using different techniques i.e. collaging.



Year 1 Curriculum



- Please take the time to read through the **Year 1 Curriculum newsletter** which was sent out to parents and carers via School Spider. The curriculum newsletter is sent out **at the end of every half term**.
- Within the newsletter it highlights the **cross curricular links** made within this topic, **what key areas we will be covering** and **suggestions to support learning at home**. It also provides key dates and information of any **upcoming events for Year 1**.
- Please also take the time to visit the school website where you can find our Year 1 Medium and Long term plan summarizing what we will be covering over this half term.

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This half term our topic is: **This is Me!**

Year 1 Curriculum News –Autumn 1 2022

English

- Writing a recount of holiday news
- Creating and writing postcards
- Writing a mini book review
- Sequencing stories using time connectives

Supporting children at home:

- Write some postcards to friends and family
- Use time connectives e.g. first, next, then etc.

Humanities & Arts

History

- Exploring the changes over time
- Looking at the human lifecycle
- Comparing life of a child now and in the past

Art, Design and Technology

- Investigating famous self-portraits
- Collage and create a self-portrait
- Observational drawings using different tools

Music

- Producing vocal and instrumental descriptive sounds
- Developing playing techniques on untuned percussion instruments
- Playing in time with the beat

Supporting children at home:

- Plan a trip to the Natural History Museum
- Create a timeline of your pictures from birth

Science: Ourselves

- Identify, name and label basic parts of the body
- Exploring the environment using our five senses
- Noticing patterns over time

Supporting children at home:

- Go on an Autumn walk and observe changes
- Craft a seasons wheel

Computing: Online Safety

- Design rules for using technology safely
- Learning to be kind and thoughtful online
- Being responsible when using different devices

Supporting children at home:

- Practice logging on and off independently
- Write your own rules for using technology safely

Maths

- Introducing parts and wholes
- Compare objects and numbers using >, <, =
- Finding number bonds within 10

Supporting children at home:

- Play number bond game on [TopMarks](#)
- Learn about the part-whole model on [BiteSize](#)

Physical Education

- Explore balancing, jumping and skipping
- Focusing on ball skills i.e. throwing and catching
- Understand the importance of warm up/down

Supporting children at home:

- Create an obstacle course to focus on skills
- Play throwing and catching games

PSHE: Being me in my world

- Learning about rights and responsibilities
- Creating a class charter together as a class
- Discussing rewards/consequences

Supporting children at home:

- Create a poster about our school values
- Create your own rewards chart at home

Religious Education: Christianity

- Does God want Christians to look after the world?
- Does the world belong to God?
- Should people take care of the world?

Supporting children at home:

- Watch the [Creation story](#) video
- Visit your local church

French

- Greetings extended for each time of the day
- Counting number 1-20
- Learning and naming colours

Supporting children at home:

- Sing the [colour song](#) in French
- Learn the numbers in French [here](#)

Events and Enrichment

- Y1 Autumn Walk - TBC
- 1ST Class Assembly – 11th October
- Maths Week – W/B 17th October
- Meet the Teacher – 12th September
- KS1 Reading Workshop – W/B 3rd October
- KS1 Maths Workshop – W/B 10th October

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Year 1 Medium Term Plan Autumn 1 – This is Me!

	Week 1 W/B 5 Sept	Week 2 W/B 12 Sept	Week 3 W/B 19 Sept	Week 4 W/B 26 Sept	Week 5 W/B 3 Oct	Week 6 W/B 10 Oct	Week 7 W/B 17 Oct
Events / Info	Phonics & Reading assessments	Meet The Teacher – 12th September		SEN Week	KS1 Reading Workshop	1ST Class Assembly – 11th October International Evening – 13th October KS1 Maths Workshop	Maths Week 18 th and 20 th – Parent's Evening Staff Training Day – 21st October Autumn Walk
English This is Me!	Holiday news Postcards Writing Genre: Recount (Big Write)	Who's our New Teacher? Writing Genre: Character Description (new teacher)	Class 2 at the Zoo Part 1– Drama/Hot seating Part 2 – Writing		Comparing & Contrasting stories Writing Genre: Book Review	Super Kid! (Superpowers) Writing Genre: Description	All about Autumn Writing Genre: Poetry
Grammar	Transition – Grammar taught within the context of the English lessons						

Year 1 Curriculum



Class timetables: Below is an example of our weekly class timetables. These can be found on the school website under the Year 1 year group page.

- This provides you with an in-depth look at the **different subjects covered** throughout the week and also indicates **key days and times** when subjects such as PE take place.
- These are updated **every half term**.

Books

Children are provided with a range of different subject books to record their everyday learning.

These are:

English

Maths

Floor Books (Science, History, Geography, PSHE and R.E)

Reading Records

General Work book

Home Learning book

Year 1 Timetable – Autumn 1 2024-25 (with CP)

		9am-9.30am	9.30am-10am	10.20am-12.00pm		1.05pm-1.55pm	1.55-2.30pm	2.30-3pm	3pm		
Monday	1PD	Registration & early morning work - 8.35am-9.00am	Music	Reading/CP	Break - 10am-10.20am	Head Teacher Assembly	PSHE	Phonics	Maths Carpet Input	Maths Adult-led work/CP	
	1RA		Reading/CP	Music		Music					Reading/CP
	1IN		PSHE			Reading/CP					Music
	1SM		PSHE								
Tuesday	1PD	PE Indoor	Handwriting	Lunchtime - 12-1pm	English Carpet Input	English Adult-led work/CP	Phonics	Spelling	Maths Adult-led work/CP		
	1RA	Maths Carpet Input	Maths Adult led work/CP							Handwriting	
	1IN									PE Indoor	
	1SM									Handwriting	
Wednesday	1PD	Registration & early morning work - 8.35am-9.00am	English Carpet Input	English Adult-led Work/CP	Break - 10am-10.20am	Celebration Assembly	English Adult led work/CP	Phonics	Maths Carpet Input	Maths Adult-led work/CP	
	1RA										PE Indoor
	1IN										PE Indoor
	1SM										Maths Adult-led work/CP
Thursday	1PD	Library		Lunchtime - 12-1pm	PE Outdoor	Library	Phonics 11.15 -11.50	History	Computing (Internet Safety)	Reading/CP	
	1RA	PE Outdoor									
	1IN	PE Outdoor									
	1SM	French	PE Outdoor								
Friday	1PD	Registration & early morning work - 8.35am-9.00am	English Carpet Input	English Adult-led work/CP	Break - 10am-10.20am	Singing Assembly	Science	Phonics	Art	Reading/ CP	
	1RA										Reading/CP
	1IN										Handwriting
	1SM										PE Indoor

Transition from Reception to Year 1



- Continuous Provision - a variety of independent and focused/teacher led activities
- CP will continue until week 8, where we will gradually introduce a more structured approach to learning
- Core subjects (English, Maths and Science) will be taught
- Class teacher will work in small groups with your children
- Phonics will be taught 5 times a week to support early reading and spelling
- Formal learning will be slowly introduced to the timetable
- All National Curriculum subjects will be taught
- Learning will be linked to English, Science and Art and other foundation subjects where possible
- Differentiated activities linked to the children's learning will be completed by all children immediately after the carpet session

Year 1 Enrichment



This year, instead of asking for money for each trip throughout the year; and, owing to the cost of living crisis, we aim to keep things simple and cost-effective for all our families.

We therefore will only be asking for **£30 for each child** for the year and this will **cover all costs for all trips**. This will be payable via ParentPay.

Trips we offer this year:

- **Autumn 1:** Autumn Walk (linked to Science – five senses)
- **Autumn 2:** Trip to a local church (linked to Religious Education)
- **Spring 1:** Windsor Castle (linked to topic – Happily Ever After)
- **Spring 2:** Bug Hunt at a local park (linked to Science and Art)
- **Summer 1: Summer 2:** SEA Life London Aquarium (linked to our topic – Plastic is Not Fantastic!)



Parent Volunteers



We feel that the involvement of parents in children's education is vital and we encourage active participation in many ways. In whatever way parents offer their time, we are always extremely grateful. There are many different ways in which parents can help in school – These include:

- Helping with literacy (typically listening to children read)
- Helping with numeracy
- Sharing your professional skills (for example, if you're a doctor, you might go in to talk to a class whose topic is healthy living)
- Helping with classroom activities such as cookery
- Helping on school trips

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the school office



Parent Volunteers - Trips



Parent volunteers are always warmly welcomed and will help trips run smoothly

- If you are interested in helping on the day, there will be an option for you to put your name forward on **School Spider**
- Those whose names have been **randomly selected** to attend will be notified accordingly
- Please ensure if you are volunteering for a trip that you attend the induction day which will outline the itinerary as well as the risk assessment and any other important details about the trip
- If you are unable to attend, let us know in advance so we can make arrangements accordingly

After school activities



WRAPAROUND CARE can be booked via hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk and via the link on our school website - [Whitchurch Primary School and Nursery: Wraparound Care](#)

Enrichment clubs

External clubs like Karate, chess, Robothink, stage coach are booked separately and paid for directly to the provider – they will start either this week or week commencing 19th.

Internal clubs run by school staff will start in Autumn 2 (after half term) are generally free and will be advertised at the end of this half term they run from **3.30 – 4.30pm**



Contacting Teachers



We are always happy to talk to you about your child. Parents can **email or phone the school office**. Contact the **Year team leader** or the easiest way is to **see the teacher at the end of the school day**. If teachers don't have time or more time is needed they will happily arrange an alternative time for you to come and talk .

Communication

- Remember to read the **weekly newsletter**
- **Important dates and updates** are posted on the school website – **please check regularly**
- Download the **School Spider app** to receive important messages and updates

Important: Please tell us any change of details of people collecting your child

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School Contact



Contacts

You can contact us via appointments made through the office, phone call appointments or via email.

Don't forget our wonderful class reps! If you haven't already, please join your class WhatsApp group for updates and messages.

Finally.. Thank you



The Year 1 Team look forward to working in partnership with you and your child in the forthcoming academic year!

Any Questions?

