

Welcome to Year 1!



September 2023

Meet the Year 1 team!



Mrs Elliott- Class Teacher

Mrs Morgan - General Teaching Assistant - Mon-Fri mornings

Mrs Yeomans - Wednesday afternoon Teacher

Mrs Bott - Midday supervisor





School Vision and Values

'Learning and Growing Together'

Is underpinned by our school's core values of Hope, Friendship, Forgiveness, Perseverance, Respect, and Honesty.

We nurture the tiny seeds (that are each individual child and our community) to grow into the mighty tree, as Jesus describes the Kingdom of Heaven (Parable of the Mustard Seed- Matthew 13)
Individuals flourish in a school which is a safe, respectful and welcoming Christian community.

Learning-

we develop our wisdom, knowledge and skills

Growing-

in our character development, hope, aspiration, resilience and social action

Together-

so our community can live well together, showing dignity and respect.

- ▶ Our Core School Values are Honesty, Hope, Forgiveness, Friendship, Perseverance and Respect. They permeate through school life and we ensure that our pupils live by these values in the way they conduct themselves in school, their behaviours in school and outside school.
- ▶ These School Values are linked to the school code of conduct.

Beginning and end of the school day

- ▶ Doors open at 8.45am. (We will let in and out through the door between the Year 1 and EYFS classrooms) Doors close at 8.55 am
- ▶ Register is 8.55-9am sLearning starts at 9am.
- ▶ Late arrival does go on the register + on your child's record.
- ▶ If you are arriving after 9am please go to Miss Simons in the office as the gates will be locked.
- ▶ If your child is ill please call the school before 9am to let us know.
- ▶ All pupils finish at 3.15pm

If your child is being collected by someone else, please telephone Reception.



Morning Routines



GOOD MORNING

- Children must be brought to school by an adult and not sent up the steps/ramp on their own.
- Cloakroom for coats and boxes for jumpers and hats and boxes for book bags will be in our room. There is also a lost property box in our building.
- All children have their own drawers in the classroom.
- Break time: Water bottles are provided here in class together with a healthy snack each morning of fresh fruit or vegetables.
- Lunchtime: Meals are cooked on the school site. Details and information about school meals will be shared in due course.



Transition in to Year 1

Happy children make successful learners. For children entering Year one, the more the environment, resources and routines are as they were in Reception, the easier the transition will be.

Therefore, for the Autumn term, the class will operate on a continuous provision basis, building on what the children already know.

Two transition days took place in July where continuous provision also took place.

Expectations of Independence

- Children are responsible for their own belongings.
- As the year goes on children will become responsible for changing their reading books, fetching equipment + books where necessary.
- They will mark more of their own work and also use next steps set by adults.
- We expect all children to tidy up after themselves during lessons, continuous provision or after school clubs.

Behaviour

Last year we reviewed our Behaviour Policy and have linked it specifically to our school values enabling our pupils to focus on gaining rewards for positive behaviour.

Positive praise

Stickers

Certificates

Prize box

Whole school star rewards

Whilst in Key Stage 1 we continue to use the traffic light system to manage behaviour, the children are already aware of how this works.

Homework

- *Reading*

- Little and often is the key!

- Please comment when you have read, even if it is just a signature.

- *Spellings*

- Spellings linked to the daily phonics programme will be sent home every Friday, focusing on the Phonics and tricky words and spelling patterns from the Year 1 curriculum.

- *Topic*

- During the year there may be a topic that has captured our children's interest and imagination so we may set some topic based homework for them to complete in their own way/ in their own time. Nature station & bring in leaves, acorns etc.

Homework

Reading

- ▶ We expect children to read every evening to an adult for about 10 minutes.
- ▶ Children will be sent home with a phonics book (which is levelled at their current phonics stage) and a reading for pleasure book, which is to be read and shared with parents. The reading for pleasure book is not to be read by the child.

Maths and English Homework



- ▶ Maths and English homework will be set from the Spring Term. The homework will be fortnightly, set on a Friday and will focus on what is being learnt over that period of time.
- ▶ Please encourage your child to be as independent as they can. Any problems or queries please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Ideas for helping your child at home

Reading	Writing / speaking	Maths
Reading school books and other genres of books/ authors that your child is interested in with your child & read for pleasure. Reading comics, headlines on newspapers, leaflets anything!	Write both their names	Read and write number words to 20
	Spell common words correctly (see list)	Start counting in 2's, 5's and 10's
	Write shopping lists	1 more/ 1 less than a given number
	Play word games such as Scrabble, Boggle	Start looking at clocks to find O'clock and half past
Visit Ashbourne library	Practise handwriting using basic letter formation	
	Practise days of the week, months of the year.	

Topics this year

Autumn 1	School Days & linked to Victorian schools
Autumn 2	Splendid Skies
Spring 1	Bright Lights Big City
Spring 2	Paws Claws and Whiskers
Summer 1	Enchanted Woodland
Summer 2	Rio De Vida

- ▶ The Year 1 Phonics Screening check is the week commencing Monday 10th June.
- ▶ We strongly advise that you do not book any holidays or take your child out of school during these periods.

P.E in Year 1

- ▶ PE: in Year 1, P.E takes place on a Monday and Thursday afternoon. Children will leave their kits in school and they will be sent home for washing at the end of each half term. Please note, no watches, jewellery, earrings etc for P.E.
- ▶ School P.E kits must be worn- not football shirts, other coloured tops etc.
- ▶ Our P.E Topic this term is Gymnastics and will take place in the hall.



Staying in touch...

- Reading records
- Email Miss Simons and she will pass on your message.
- Our learning leaflet every half term
- Progress reports at Christmas and Easter
- Parents evening in the early Autumn and Spring Terms
- Annual report in July

School Uniform

- ▶ We expect every child to wear the St Oswald's school uniform. If for any reason you are struggling then we have preloved uniform available in school. Please see Miss Simons in the Main Office.



PLEASE LABEL ALL UNIFORM
AND PE KIT.



- ▶ Essential Sweatshirt / Cardi (embroidered with the primary school logo) £10.50 (No Woollen or navy cardigans)
- ▶ Essential Polo Shirt (embroidered with the primary school logo) £6.50
- ▶ Button Fronted Gingham Dress (embroidered with the primary school logo) £15.00
- ▶ Fleece Jacket (embroidered with the primary school logo) £13.00
- ▶ **Other items of clothing** (this is not able to be purchased in school)
- ▶ Girls to wear grey tights or grey socks/white socks (no patterned tights)
- ▶ Girls to wear GREY skirts, shorts, pinafore dress or trousers (NOT Black or blue)
- ▶ Boys to wear GREY trousers or shorts (NOT black or blue)
- ▶ Boys to wear grey socks
- ▶ Boys to wear leather black school shoes (no canvas shoes or trainers or boots)
- ▶ Girls to wear black leather/patent shoes (no canvas shoes, trainers or open toed sandals or boots.)

Medical records

If anything needs updating regarding any medical conditions your child has PLEASE let us know. If we need any medical equipment in school e.g. inhalers please label them and bring them into school over the next few days.

Resources

- ▶ All resources are provided for your child at St Oswald's. Children will bring home each day work that is created in Continuous provision.
- ▶ If we find children are bringing in items which are not necessary for lessons/learning then we will keep them until the end of the school day to be taken home.

Educational Visits

- ▶ All visits which we take our children on are linked to the learning that they will be doing in class. They will be focused to enhance the children's knowledge of a topic or piece of learning.
- ▶ If we cannot go out on a visit then we will have visitors who will come into school.

Educational Visits

- ▶ On September 12th (Next Tuesday), we will be visiting Sudbury Hall museum (linked to our topic 'School Days') where the children will experience a Victorian classroom and get the chance to view Victorian artefacts. Children will need a packed lunch and will be wearing school uniform. We will leave at 9.15am and return for 3.15pm.

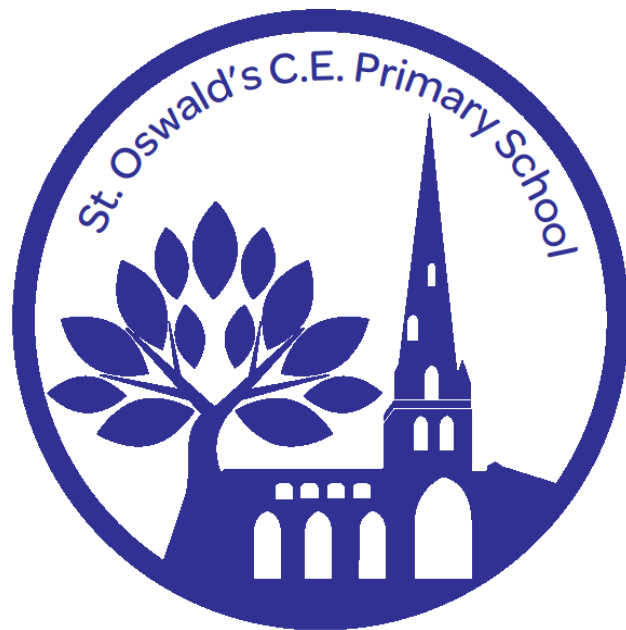
Thank you for listening.

- ▶ We operate an open door policy and are always available to support and help your child and you as a family in any way we possibly can. This could be sign posting for support and advice or a meeting to discuss ways in which we as a school can support your child on their educational journey.
- ▶ All information is shared amongst the team within the class and with senior leadership.

Any Questions?



Here's to a great year!



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