

Welcome to Year 1



As your child is starting Year One in September, we have tried to put together some answers to frequently asked questions you may have.

Who are my teachers?

Mrs Bullingham - Y1 Class Teacher - Tuesday to Friday

Miss Brunt – Class Teacher – Monday & Tuesday

Mrs Chapman – Teaching Assistant

Mrs French - Teaching Assistant



Where do I drop off or collect my child?

Mornings are exactly the same system as you have had in Reception. Drop off at the gate and the children will walk around to the Y1 cloakroom door. Children will need to arrive through the gates at 8.40, to be registered at 8.45am in the classroom. The gates shut at 8.50am so any children arriving after this point should come to the school office. School officially finishes for KS1 at 3.15pm and you can collect your child from the Y1 cloakroom door under the canopy (just before you walk up to the playground). Please keep us informed if anyone different is picking your child up.

How is Year 1 different to Reception?

In Reception the children were following the Early Years curriculum. Now they are in Year 1, they will be following the Key Stage One curriculum. We teach all subjects such as Maths, English, Phonics, Science, History, Geography, Computing, Music, Art, Design & Technology and PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economics Education).

In lessons the children are often taught whole class, then sent to do an activity based on the learning. This activity may be adult supported or may be independent. We do not have too much 'choosing' in the morning but do in the afternoon. The children are mostly expected to complete their activity before they choose.

What does a typical day look like in Year 1?

8.40 Gates open

8.45 Register while the children practise handwriting & spellings on their whiteboards, then a quick teaching of spellings.

9.00-9.40am Phonics

9.40-10.00am Quick Maths (basic number skills)

10.00-10.10am Toilet & Drink Break

10.10-11.00 English

11.00- 11.15am BREAK Time (playground with YR & Y2)

11.15 - 12.15 Maths



12.15-1.15 Lunch

1.15-1.30 Register and ERIC Time (Everyone Reading In Class)

1.30 - 2.45pm Lesson (e.g. Science, History, Computing etc) followed by choosing.

2.50pm Collective Worship

3.15pm Home



How can I help my child?

We have sent home a phonics sheet of the sounds they have learnt in Reception. If you get any chance to practise or reinforce these sounds that would be great. (The actions are there for you too).

You will hear us say this a lot but... **the best thing you can do with your child is READING**. It is so important at this age to practise reading at home. Children that fall behind are often those that do not read at home, as well as school.

In Year One we take part in the whole school reading programme. Every child must read at least three times a week and have their yellow reading diary signed 3 times a week. This will gain them a sticker for their reading passport, which will eventually gain them a prize at the end of the year if they complete all the countries. (You will find the passport in the back of their reading diary in September).

Do they have homework?

The children will have reading (3 times a week) and weekly spellings to practise at home.

What does my child need to bring to school?

PE bag - including shorts, t-shirt, PE shoes (& warm PE clothes if we go outside). These stay in school.



Book bag - must be in school every day with reading books inside. (No rucksacks in KS1)



Water bottle



Lunch box (if required)

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS BOUGHT INTO SCHOOL.

How do I contact the school?

You can always contact the school office as normal. The main email address is admin@leonardstanley.gloucs.sch.uk.

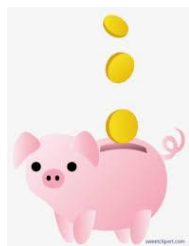
We also have Edulink where you can message the teachers too.

Are there any costs in Year 1?

Music - Hopefully we will have some music tuition in the Spring Term that usually costs around £12. (TBC)

Trip - We have a big trip in the Summer term which should cost no more than £15 (TBC)

Swimming – Hopefully in the Summer Term (around £15) (TBC)



What are the school rules and behaviour system?

Our Bee Rules are used throughout the school from Reception to Year 6. We use them in our learning and around the school.



In our classroom we have the behaviour chart. Most of the time the children are given a warning. If they continue they will go on the cloud until they earn themselves back on the sunshine.

If they continue, they may move to the raindrop. Sometimes they may go straight to the raindrop if it is a zero-tolerance act. If your child is ever on the raindrop we will inform you.

Sometimes children are outstanding. This may get them moved to the Rainbow and they get a chance to choose from the prize box.



Zero tolerance = straight to raindrop

- **Verbal abuse:** offensive name-calling, swearing and threatening language
- **Physical abuse:** any unacceptable contact with another child e.g. punching, kicking, pinching, hitting, slapping, grabbing, etc.
- **Mental abuse:** bullying - something that goes on day after day after day and includes cyber-bullying, prejudice-based bullying, homophobic bullying and derogatory or aggressive language.
- **Theft and Destruction of Property**
- **Breaking of School Rules**

We can't wait to see you all in September.

Best wishes,

The Year One Team

Mrs Bullingham, Miss Brunt, Mrs Chapman & Mrs French