



Welcome to Year 1

Thurnham CE Infant School
Tuesday 13th September 2022

Questions?

- If you have any questions, please save them until the end.

Welcome Parents!

- Who are we?
- What do we do all day?
- Will your child have any homework?
- How will you know how your child is getting on?
- Is there anything else you should know?

Year 1 Staff

KS1 leader: Mrs Chaudry.

Orange Class: Miss Crew, Mrs Brooker, Mrs O'Brien and Miss Hart.

Yellow Class: Mrs Brenchley, Mrs Fowler, Mrs Charlton Mrs Croom and Mrs Soragi-Murr.

Red Class: Miss Stephens, Mrs Harrington, Mrs Croom and Soragi-Murr.

Curriculum Goals

- We follow the National Curriculum for Year 1
- Details of what we are studying each term can be found on the school website and we will send out a curriculum information letter.

What did you do today?

- Change books. We return books on Wednesday and the children are given a new book on Thursday.
- Register.
- Maths Tuesday and Thursday for the whole morning. One hour on Friday.
- Break.
- Phonics
- Writing to include Science, Geography, History all morning Monday and Thursday and 1 hour one afternoon.
- RE on Wednesday.
- Lunch.
- Reading.
- Creative Subjects; Art, PE, DT, Music, PHSRE.
- Child initiated (time permitting)/Reward Time (Friday).
- Worship every afternoon.
- Home.

Assessment

- Pupils are assessed every term against the criteria for an Emerging, Expected or Exceeding child in Year 1 and you will have the opportunity to meet with you child's teacher three times a year to discuss your child's next steps. There will also be a formal report at the end of Year 1.
- In the Spring and Summer terms we use some standardised Reading and Maths assessments to check children's progress.
- In June all pupils in Year 1 across the country will undertake a Phonics Screening Check to assess their ability to decode real and nonsense words using their phonic knowledge. Another information session will take place in early Spring to discuss this with you.

Class Rules

- We follow the school behaviour policy (which can be found on the school website) and we have rules that the pupils need to abide by.
- Be safe, Be ready and Be respectful
- Rewards: House points, reward time, dojo.
- Sanctions: The traffic light system.

Get Involved!

- There are plenty of opportunities for you to get involved in school life.
- Regular volunteering in class. (DBS check required)
- One-off help for special curriculum mornings or trips.(DBS check required)
- Friends of Thurnham (School Fete Saturday 24th September)



Homework

- Weekly spellings: building up to 7 words a week; 5 relating to the sounds that we are learning that week in our phonics sessions and 2 'tricky words'. Try not to learn the spellings by rote; look for the words in their reading books, on signs and labels, make flashcards; whatever works for your child. If your child is learning the spellings easily challenge them by encouraging them to write some sentences with the spelling words in (they will be rewarded with house points!).
- Maths homework: activities that you can do with your child, relating to our topic for that week.
- Daily word checks or individual support programmes.
- Handwriting/ Letter formation practice.

Reading

- **The most important thing you can do with your child is read.**
- Children will bring home a reading book that is matched to their phonics ability on Thursdays. They should be able to read most of the book independently. They return these the following Wednesday to allow time for their teacher to choose another book.
- Reading records: Please try to leave a comment each week on Seesaw to let us know how your child is getting on with their reading at home.
- Please discuss the books and illustrations. We are keen for the children to make their own response by writing or drawing and you can upload these to Seesaw.

There is so much more to reading than just decoding... Please trust our professional judgement.

Teach your monster to read.

Things you might also like to know..

- PE: Try to encourage your child to dress and undress independently at home so that they find getting changed for PE much easier. Girls (and boys with shoulder length hair) need to have their hair tied up for PE. Pupils need a house-coloured T-shirt, shorts and plimsolls for indoor PE and additionally, tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE, all in their named PE bags. Pupils need to be able to remove their own earrings for PE or come to school on PE days without earrings. PE days are Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Please feel free to speak to us if you have any concerns. It is best to send a short message on Seesaw or see us after we have shown all the children out at the gate.