

Year 1 Parent Forum 2020

Questions	Responses
Hi, do we write every book they read at home in their reading log or do we only write down when they read the reading books supplied by school? Thank you	Just the books that you get from school please. But you could always add the odd book that your child has really enjoyed from home or the library.
Is it possible to get a summary of learning goals for year 1 and specifically what topics are covered in the key areas (phonics, maths etc) for each half term so we can support and reinforce this in home learning?	Each half term we send home learning sheets which gives you suggestions to further activities that are covered in class. Please refer to the National Curriculum for key objectives in year 1: click here
It is very hard to get information from my child of their day at school, I am aware this is also an issue for many others. Does the school day follow a regular timetable? (E.g., particular subjects on specific days.) If so is it possible to get a copy of this to be able to prompt discussion on what has happened and how they have felt through their day to engage with them and support mental well-being.	It is totally normal for children not to talk about their day very much. The timetable can vary depending on the activities planned that day. On a typical day the children will do English (including reading, writing and phonics) and Maths in the morning. PE, music, and science and topic work in the afternoons. Sometimes we have art or DT days and RE weeks. It just depends on the nature of the activities and what else is happening that week during school.
What are the learning goals for the year one curriculum and when do you expect those targets to be met?	We follow the national curriculum for year 1 in all subjects. We monitor progress very carefully for each individual child ensuring that they reach their full potential. Their individual progress and achievement can be talked about at parents evening.
What has been covered from the year one curriculum in school this half term? I want to go through the new phonics learnt with my child at home.	We have been doing a lovely topic called 'Walk on the Wild Side' This is about animals. Phonics is taught in groups which cover all sounds at different rates. We will be sending information about phonics out in a booklet for parents evening week.
Would it be possible to have a weekly home summary sheet of phonics covered in school in the same way as this was presented during lockdown?	Unfortunately, there are 4 phonics groups in Year 1, they learn at least 4 sounds a week and this can change. Please look on the English section on the school website for the phonics overview.

<p>Can you please let me know how my child is doing against age appropriate targets? What gaps do they have in their learning?</p>	<p>There will be a parents evening after half term to discuss where your child is currently.</p> <p>A lot of work is having to be carried out to develop the children's learning behaviours i.e listening, attending, concentration and following instructions. The children need support with their social skills, e.g sharing and working together.</p>
<p>How do you help children express their feelings and emotions in a healthy way? (anger, sadness, fear anxiety etc)</p>	<p>We follow a programme called 'Jigsaw' which explores feelings and emotional literacy of all types at an appropriate child developmental level. We use 'conflict resolution' techniques to solve problems and encourage the children to talk about how they feel. If we feel extra activities are required then we plan extra sessions, games and tasks to explore feelings more. Our school characters support the children's learning in this area and are totally embedded in our day.</p>
<p>Is it possible to bring tapestry back? It would be wonderful to see what the children are learning about. It would also help the communication process between teachers and parents during these times.</p>	<p>I am afraid tapestry is too expensive to use throughout the school, however we are always adding photos on the gallery on our website and special events are featured on the fortnightly newsletter.</p>