



Welcome to Year 1



We look forward to working with you and your child from September 2023. The Year One teaching staff for September are:

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| Mrs Insull 1BI | Miss Burt 1BI | Miss Caddell 1C | Mrs Rogers R1R |

The children enter school via the side entrance next to the Transport Museum. The gate will be from 8:30-8:35am. Staff will welcome the children into school in the morning and any messages will be passed onto the teachers. The school day ends at 3:10pm.

Each class will have their own exit point:

R1R - classroom door on back playground

1C - classroom door at the Year One side entrance

1BI - corridor door on back playground

PE

PE days for Year 1 are Wednesdays and Fridays.

In Year 1 we have 2 PE sessions per week.



- Wednesday's PE will be indoors. The children will need trainers shorts and a t-shirt.
- Friday's PE will be outdoors. The children will need shorts, t-shirt, jogging bottoms, jumper and trainers/plimsolls.

Please send children in to school wearing their PE kits on the correct days.

A few reminders:

- Long hair must be tied up for PE
- **Earrings must be removed** before school (we are **not** allowed to tape them or remove them).

School Trips

We are planning on going on an exciting castle trip in the Summer term (more info to come).

We also welcome a range of visitors linked to our topics throughout the year, such as Florence Nightingale in the autumn term.

Playground

In Year 1, the children have the opportunity to use the trim trail, the pirate ship, climbing apparatus, the field (weather permitting) and the main playground for playing games. We have a range of playground equipment for them to use as well.

During hot weather please make sure your child has sun cream applied before school and brings in a sun hat. During unpredictable weather, please ensure your child brings a coat to school.

Forest School

The children will continue with their forest school sessions throughout the year.

Children will need wellies and old clothes for these sessions.

Earrings are not allowed to be worn on forest school days (more info to follow).



Online learning platforms

Each child will have their own login for Spelling Shed.

At Leigh Beck we value the children's wellbeing and the importance of allowing children the opportunity to relax. In Year 1, we have daily relaxation sessions after lunch and also weekly opportunities to discuss and manage issues and worries that have arisen during the week. We also cover the importance of friendships, being respectful and good manners.

We use the Colour Monster at school to help children to understand and regulate their emotions.



Homework

In Year 1, we encourage every child to read at least 3 times a week at home. We reward their commitment to reading at home with the opportunity to win the reading bear for their classroom.

Every child will be given group words to learn. Once they can read these in school, they will be given the next set to learn. Please keep practising the old ones too. It is important that your child learns these words from their group book but also reads them in text.

Spellings and maths homework will be sent home at the start of the second half of the autumn term. Maths homework will be set on Purple Mash and spellings will be set on Spelling Shed (more information to follow).

Characteristics of Effective Learning

In Year 1 we will continue to use the Characteristics of Effective Learning to encourage the children to try new things, take pride in their work, and persevere with challenges.