

"The mission of schools is to develop a sense of truth, of what is good and beautiful. And this occurs through a rich path made up of many ingredients. True education enables us to love life and opens us to the fullness of life."

**Pope Francis**

# Welcome to Key Stage One

Miss Kenny, Mrs Duhig and Mrs Browne



Live, love and learn in a caring Christian  
community.

# In Key Stage One

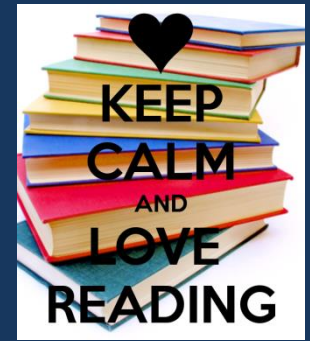
- Our mission statement is at the heart of all we do.
- Pupils develop spiritually, emotionally, socially and morally.
- "To live, love and learn in a caring Christian community."

# Daily routine in Key Stage One...

- 8.50am - 9am - Register/ classroom door closes. If after 9am, please take your child to the office to sign them in.
- 9.10am - Lessons start
- 10.30am - 10.45am - Break
- 12.15pm - 1.15pm - Lunch
- 3-3.15pm- KS1 break
- 3.30pm - end of school day. Please ensure you let your child's teacher know if any changes to end of day arrangements.



# Reading



- Children will be assessed by an adult at least once a half term. (Benchmarking assessment).
- Reading is exceptionally important for children and every child should read as often as possible at home. It is also important to discuss the book with your child to ensure they understand the book as well as developing their comprehension skills.
- Children should continue to apply their phonics skills when reading.
- Every child will read with an adult in class each week during guided reading sessions. Encourage your child to read other books at home, not only their school reading book.

## Changing of books...

- Reading books will be changed by adult on a Monday
- and Thursday. Children can re-read their books to support and
- develop their fluency skills. Home reading books are to support your child's fluency.



# Maths in Key Stage One

In Key Stage One, Maths is taught in sets. (Yr 2, Yr 1 / 2 and Yr 1)  
Maths will be taught daily by Mrs Browne, Mrs Duhig and Miss Kenny.

How to help your child in Maths...

- Support your child with their homework.
- Talk to your child about their learning in Maths.
- Encouraging your child to continue to work on their number formation.
- Number bonds.
- Simple addition and subtraction number sentences.
- Using practical resources to support your child's understanding of Maths.
- Counting up and down in twos, fives, tens and threes.

# English in Key Stage One

- Daily phonics - The children will be set for phonics and these will be based on phonics assessments at the start of the year.
- English lessons will be taught by class teachers.

## Handwriting

- Children are encouraged to use cursive writing in KS1, however it is very important children form their letters correctly.

# How to help your child in English...

- Daily reading at home and don't forget children love to be read to!
- Continue to practise your child's phonics at home.
- Encouraging your child to write, focusing on capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.
- Support your child with their weekly spellings. Please remember to go over previous spellings to ensure children do not forget these!
- Common exception spelling list.

# Homework



- Homework will be given every Friday and should be completed and handed back to class teachers by the following Friday.
- Maths homework will be a weekly worksheet based on the work that has been taught in class that week. These sheets contain three challenges and, in order to develop their independence, we expect children to choose the activity which is most appropriate for them. Please note that the children are not expected to complete every activity!



# Homework

- Spellings will also be given out on Friday. Spellings will be based on the sounds they have worked on during the week in their phonics groups or the Year 1/2 common word list.
- Pupils are expected to read every night. When they have completed their book, please sign their reading record and write a comment on their reading.

# Assessments in Key Stage One

- We will assess your child's progress in all areas each half term.
- Your child's reading will also be assessed every half term to determine their reading book band.
- Year One - Phonics assessments in June
- Key Stage One - Year 2 SATs in May.

# Please remember...



- Black Plimsolls for indoor shoes.
- The children can have one small snack during AM break. Please ensure it is nut free and a healthy snack! (no chocolate, biscuits)
- Sports cap water bottle in school with their name on it.
- Named uniform and PE kit.
- Children will have optional fruit during PM break.

# Key dates for the term



Dates for  
the Diary:

- Parent consultations - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November
- Half term break - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- End of term - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Inset day.
- KS1 Christmas Nativity - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December AM and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December PM
- End of Autumn term - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

# Useful websites...

- <http://www.mrthorne.com/> - for Phonics support/videos
- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> - For phonics.
- [www.bcbitesize.com](http://www.bcbitesize.com) - interactive games for Phonics, Numeracy and Literacy.
- [www.letters-and-sounds.com](http://www.letters-and-sounds.com) - interactive games for Phonics
- [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) - interactive games for Numeracy

# Any Questions?

# Thank you!

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