

Welcome to Year 1

In Year 1 we have Miss Thomas & Mrs Hebblewhite and we are delighted to be your child's class teachers this year! Our main aim is for the children to be happy and confident, as well as feel safe whilst in our care.

We are very much looking forward to meeting you and your child in what we are sure will be an incredibly exciting year ahead. We are joined in class this year by the wonderful Mrs Walsh who I am sure many of you already know! She will be there to work alongside us as well as support groups and individuals.

Our curriculum information evening will be held in September where I shall be sharing more specific information about Year 1, our expectations and what exciting learning will be taking place this year! Look on our class page for more details about this.

Our door is always open, therefore if you ever have a concern or worry, please come and let us know.

This page will be updated throughout the course of the academic year so keep looking at this for updates. For now, enjoy reading all about Year 1!

Regards,

Miss Thomas & Mrs Hebblewhite





Key Information



Punctuality: It is so important that pupils arrive at school on time and ready to learn. We gather outside the classroom at the beginning of the day. If you are late, the gates will be locked and children need to go through the main entrance. We expect all of our pupils to come in quietly and sensibly and of course, ready to learn!

Pegs & Trays: In Year 1 we hang our coats on a peg in the cloakroom. We also have trays for each pupil. These are there for the children to put their book bags in, ensuring they are kept safe and that nothing gets lost! It is also a great way to encourage their independence and start to take responsibility for their belongings.



Pupil Drop Off: We know that drop off can be rather stressful when the children are so young! But rest assured, as soon as you have left, your child will be absolutely fine! Children should be brought to and collected from the classroom door. We strongly encourage them to sort themselves and their own belongings out. This is so very important and therefore we kindly ask that as parents and carers you support us with this.

Toilets: We use the same toilets as Year 2. If the children need to go the toilet, they simply need to ask a member of staff.



Passwords: We have a password system in school for collection of children. The passwords progress through school with your child so if your circumstances change and you need to change the password please let the school office know. It is likely that this password will only be used on rare occasions, in unexpected circumstances and not for normal collection

Pastoral: Being safe and indeed feeling safe, is at the very heart of our school. At St Michael's we are very lucky to have a superb pastoral team in place. The children are all aware of who and where in school they can go should they need support or someone to talk to. The pastoral team have drop in sessions each term which are open to any parents who would like to discuss their child's needs. The dates for the drop ins are added to the parent calendar so please watch this space. If however, you would like to meet with one of the team before the drop in, then please contact them. Our door is always open!





Reminders



PE: Our PE Days are Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure your child has appropriate kit consisting of navy shorts, trainers and their house T-Shirt. Any watches must be removed as well as stud earrings.

Uniform: We are very proud of how smart our pupils look at school. Please ensure your child has correct school uniform. The PTFA hold a used uniform stall quite frequently, where you can pick up good as new pieces for a tiny amount. Please put your child's name in their uniform to prevent anything getting lost.



Water & Snacks: Your child is encouraged to bring a fillable bottle to school containing water. This can be replenished during the school day. We also encourage your child to bring a healthy snack for them to enjoy at playtime.

Celebration Assembly: In Year 1 we reward our pupils against our core values; information on these can be found on the school website. Every week, a child will be chosen who has demonstrated a specific value and this will be further celebrated in our celebration worship on Friday.





Homework & Learning In Year 1



Topics: We'll be covering a range of different topics including Superheros, Toys and Animal. This means there are lots of opportunities to get stuck in and learn about themselves and the world around them. We've also got lots of exciting visits planned for the year.

Core Subjects: Spelling Shed and Numbots are two online platforms that we use. We encourage your child to access these and logins can be found in the children's reading records.



Reading: There is a real push on reading at home with phonics books going home every Wednesday and a chance to take home another book from our library on a Tuesday. We kindly ask that you work with your child on their phonics and allow them to read to you every day. Please ensure that your child brings their book bag and book into school every day. Books will be changed frequently. We are incredibly lucky here at St Michael's to have a well stocked library and brilliant reading walls...

"The more you read
the more things you know.
The more that you learn
the more places you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss



Specific Things In Year 1



Phonics Screening Test: In June 2024, your child will be tested on their phonics knowledge. Each child will try to read 40 real (and some fake) words applying everything they've learnt in Reception and Year 1. More information about this will be shared with you at our curriculum evening, as well as some fantastic websites that you can use to help develop your child's knowledge and understanding of phonics.