

# YEAR ONE



CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2024

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## SCHOOL ROUTINES AND EQUIPMENT

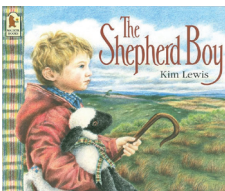
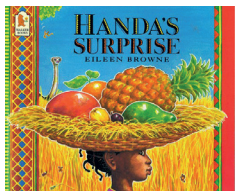
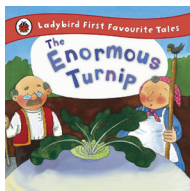
Please ensure your child brings their book bag, a jumper, a coat and a water bottle to school each day.

PE kits will need to be in school for Thursday and a Friday. They will need their trainers for active lunch (1B Friday, 1R Thursday).

If girls are wearing tights, can they have socks in their PE kit. Once warm weather arrives (hopefully) shorts or a skort are more suitable than thick jogging bottoms.

## ENGLISH

Retell: The Secret Garden, The Enormous Turnip, Handa's Surprise, The Shepherd Boy, The Growing Story, Greta and the Giants



Information letter home

Instructions: how to grow a plant

Food Riddles

Bob The Man on the Moon

Explanation of our new school being built

Information guide to our school

## **MATHS**

Fractions: halves and quarters

Addition and Subtraction

Geometry: Position and Direction

Time: telling the time to the hour and half hour

Multiplication and Division counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, using arrays and making equal groups

Money: recognising coins and notes, using 1p, 2p,5p and 10p coins to work out problems

Measurement: mass and capacity



## **SCIENCE**

Plants: Identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants; Grow a plant from seed

Seasonal Changes: Spring and Summer

## **HISTORY**

The history of our school

## **RE**

Is Shabbat important to Jewish Children?

Are Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur important to Jewish Children?

## **PE**

Athletics: Running

Fundamentals: Unit 2

Games: Unit 2

Ball skills: Unit 2

+ Balance ability

## **ART**

Sculpture: exploring the school grounds and the nature area and making a sculpture to enhance the nature area

Collage

## **MUSIC**

Dancing and drawing to Nautilus

Cat and mouse

Come dance with me

## **PSHE**

Human life cycles: Understanding how our bodies work and how we can keep them clean

Healthy and safer lifestyles: Drug education - medicines

## COMPUTING

Creating a multimedia ebook  
TV chefs - filming the steps of a recipe

## HOME LEARNING

### READING

Reading is so essential for all aspects of school life and is the main focus this year. We want to foster a love of reading and an enjoyment of books. Please read to your child as well as listening to them.

Please ask your child comprehension questions based on the questions linked to the reading VIPERS in their reading journal. Developing their understanding is vital to continuing your child's progress.

Reading books are changed once a week as long as the book with two books being given as long as each has been read 3 times at home and this has been recorded in the pink reading journal. (One book 3 times and then the next one 3 times please.)

You may want to supplement this with home reading for enjoyment, which we would love to see recorded as well.

### BOOK TALK

Every Thursday, your child will bring home a Book Talk task (in the back of their pink reading record). They will have the week to discuss and think about the task at home with you, they are welcome to write notes or draw a picture to respond to the task. Then, on the following Thursday, they will have the chance to discuss the Book Talk task with the class before receiving the next task.

This activity will help your child develop their speaking and listening skills, as well as their confidence in openly discussing their ideas within the class. It will also encourage them to develop a love of reading through broadening the literature they are exposed to.

## PHONICS

The Phonics Screening Check is taken individually by all children in Year 1 in England in the summer term. It is designed to give teachers and parents information on how each child is progressing in phonics to help them become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning.



The Phonicsplay website has 3 free games and more that you can subscribe to. We play these a lot in

school as they provide an opportunity for your child to practice reading real and nonsense words which they will meet in the phonics screening check in the summer.

There is also Teach Your Monster To Read on the computer for some fun phonic activities (new games have recently been added beyond the previous level 3).



Teach Your Monster to Read is a free game, which helps children to master the key early stages of reading. It has been created by the Usborne Foundation. The children used it last year in Reception (level 1 - “First Steps”, with some children moving on to level 2 - “Fun with Words”). This year the children can use it again at level 3 “Champion Reader” to help them learn and practise the phase 5 sounds.

We have started using it again at school at this new level and your child will benefit more from the game if they can play at home. Each time they play the game they will carry on from where they left off, whether at home or at school.

It's FREE, and really easy to log in. Please find a reminder of their login details outlined on the letter put into their book bag. The Teach Your Monster to Read app can also be downloaded on ios or android devices. At the time of writing it is free, but it is normally £4.99. The children really enjoy the game at school and this will help give them further reading practice at home.