

Year 1 Information Letter - Spring 2025



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. As we start a new term, we would like to remind you of some key information.

In class, we will continue to use plenty of play based learning. These play based opportunities will be interspersed with short whole-class, teacher led carpet sessions and small group work. To see what we will be learning about each term, please do visit the school website to view our **termly overviews** and **collectables** (child-friendly fact sheets about each subject). We will also email this information at the start of each term.

Reading

Please continue to support your child by reading with them as much as possible at home. Four 'reads' per week at home make a big difference to a child's reading progress. Please record these reads with the date and a brief description in their Reading Record. These will be checked each Monday.

Certificates are awarded in Friday's assembly:

40 Reads—Bronze certificate	80 Reads—Silver certificate,
120 reads—Gold certificate	160 reads—Star certificate,
200 reads—Head teacher award,	240 reads—Governor award.

Maths - Numbots

Please continue to support your child to access Numbots at home if possible. Numbots is a personalised maths programme that supports each child at their own level.

PE Days

Pine Class: **Monday and Friday** Beech Class: **Monday and Wednesday**

Mr Mayling, our specialist PE teacher, will be teaching two PE lessons per week. Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit on these days (please see website for our current PE uniform). Earrings must be removed or taped up with plasters before coming to school. We will have 1 lesson outside each week so please ensure they have a jumper or tracksuit bottoms to wear on cold days.

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Communication

For non-urgent matters, please use our class email addresses. We check these within school hours but if you require an immediate response it is best to call the school office who can get a message to us. There will another parents' evening later in the year to discuss your child's progress however, if you do have any questions please always come and speak to us on the door. At the end of each half term, we will invite you in to see what we have been learning about.

Bags and Clothing

Please ensure that everything that comes into school is clearly named to help us to make sure we can return all jumpers, cardigans at the end of the day and any other mislaid items.

Playtimes

The children now have the choice of where to play at break and lunchtime. They may go down to the bottom playground, the sports court and arts garden (on specific days) and the orchard, when it is open. They will always have the choice to play in, or return to, the top playground too.

Year 1 Teaching Team

- **Pine Class Teachers:** Mrs Chivers (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Posey (Thur-Fri)
- **Beech Class Teacher:** Mr Good
- **KS1 HLTA:** Miss Copeland
- **PE Teacher:** Mr Mayling
- **Teaching Assistants** (These adults work across KS1 and they also lead phonics groups)
Mrs Cosh, Miss Blackburn, Miss Terry, Miss Davis, Mrs Bundy