

Welcome
to
Year 1



Year 1 Dragonfly Class 2026-2027

Meet the staff ...

- ❑ Mrs. Walpole– Class Teacher
- ❑ Miss Brown– Teaching Assistant



Our School Values



Respect

Actions

We shake hands

We listen and
reply to others

We look after
property

We look smart

We walk quietly

We take turns

Words

Good morning/
good afternoon

Please/thank you

Responsibility

Pride

Excuse me

Share



Excellence

Actions

We aim high

We set goals

We work hard

We try our best

We learn from
our mistakes

Words

Aspirational

Ambition

Determination

Motivation

Resilience



Integrity

Actions

We tell the truth

We are kind
and helpful

We do what is
right, even when
it is difficult

We take
responsibility
for our actions

We are brave

Words

Honesty

Caring

Consequence

Responsibility

Courageous



Routines and Expectations



- ☐ In the morning – doors to the hall open from 8:40 until 8:55
- ☐ At the end of the day - Year 1 finish at 3:10pm. Children to be collected by an adult from the gate by the side of the building (CLP entrance).
- ☐ Children should come in wearing their school uniform every day, except on a Monday and Tuesday when they will need to wear their PE kit.
- ☐ Please ensure all PE kit and uniform is named.
- ☐ We encourage children to bring a named water bottle into school each day.
- ☐ Every child should bring in their bookbag (or rucksack) every day with their reading record, LWLS reading book and their library or book corner book.

Routines and Expectations



- ❑ Break-time - children will have a 15 minute playtime between 10.30 and 10.45am
- ❑ Lunch-time – Year 1 lunch runs from 11:50 to 12:40pm.
- ❑ Story time takes place every day, usually at the end of the day.
- ❑ We set high expectations at Heathlands, and your child will be given opportunities to earn fantastic rewards for their efforts.

Rewards



- ❑ Monday celebration - certificates are awarded to one child per class linked to the weekly learning focus.
- ❑ Reading at home rewards - we encourage children at Heathlands to read every day. The children have a reading log and are awarded house points for each time they have a signed read in their reading log. They also earn bookmarks, stickers, wristbands and individual reading certificates. The whole class contribute to the weekly Reading Trophy, and it is awarded to the class with the most home reads that week.
- ❑ Each child in the class has been allocated to a house (Air, Fire, Lightning or Water) and can earn house points for their work, their behaviour and for following our school values. The winning house is announced each week in Monday's celebration assembly.



Reading

- ❑ Every Friday your child will bring home a book-band book which they will keep for the week. The book will have been chosen to match the level of their phonic awareness, so your child should be able to read it to you. The children are expected to read at home every day. Please sign or initial in their reading log and house points will be awarded to your child.

- ❑ Dragonfly Class will have a library slot each week when the children can choose a library book or a book from our reading corner to take home. They are encouraged to choose any book so please be aware that your child may choose a book that they cannot read by themselves and will need you to share the book with them.

Phonics



- ❑ The children will receive two phonics sessions each day. These will be supplemented by intervention groups, which will support children in particular aspects of their phonic knowledge.
- ❑ We will be following the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised phonic programme. To find out more about the programme visit the little Wandle Letters and Sounds website -<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk> – and take a look at their ‘For parents’ page.

Homework



- ❑ Homework – this is set on Fridays. Our focus this year will be on reading and learning the times tables they need to be secure with by the end of the school year. They will be given log ins to Numbots to support maths learning. Your child will bring home information about phonics learning in to reinforce what they have been learning in school.



What does your child need to bring in each day?

- ☐ Named bookbag (with school reading books and signed reading diary!)
- ☐ Named water bottle. Please make sure that the bottle only contains water and not juice or squash.
- ☐ Named uniform, including coat.

We look forward to working with you and your children over the coming year and having lots of fun!

If you have any questions, please do ask. We are free at the end of the day when the children go home, or you can leave a message at the office and one of us will phone you as soon as we are free. You can also contact us at the school email address:

Dragonflies.heathlands@coastalpartnership.co.uk

The Year 1 team.