

Welcome
to
Year 1



Year 1 Dragonfly Class 2025-2026

Meet the staff...

- ❑ Mrs. Walpole- Class Teacher
- ❑ Mrs Farrell- Teaching Assistant



Our School Values



Respect

Actions	Words
We shake hands	Good morning/ good afternoon
We listen and reply to others	Please/thank you
We look after property	Responsibility
We look smart	Pride
We walk quietly	Excuse me
We take turns	Share

Excellence

Actions	Words
We aim high	Aspirational
We set goals	Ambition
We work hard	Determination
We try our best	Motivation
We learn from our mistakes	Resilience

Integrity

Actions	Words
We tell the truth	Honesty
We are kind and helpful	Caring
We do what is right, even when it is difficult	Consequence
We take responsibility for our actions	Responsibility
We are brave	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 book-bag (or rucksack) every day with their reading record, LWLS reading book and their library or book corner book.

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- ❑ 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. These also contribute to the weekly Reading Trophy, which is awarded to the class who have undertaken the most home reading during the 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. You can also access by scanning this QR code.



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. Your child will bring home information about phonics learning in advance of the following week's sessions in school.



What does your child need to bring in each day?

- Named book-bag (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.