



Dear Parents and carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the year ahead.

The transition between Reception and Year 1 is always a big one; but having spent some time in Reception at the end of the summer term, we know that the children are ready for Year 1 and will quickly adapt to the new routines and expectations.

Mrs Ahlquist will be teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Dearman will be teaching on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We are lucky enough to have Mrs Norden and Mrs Bradnam as our learning support assistants.

If there is anything you would like to discuss with us, then please pop in after school or send a message on Dojo. Please do bear in mind however, that we may be unable to check Dojo whilst teaching so please send important messages to the office. We will do our very best to help and our door is always open to you.

English	Maths	Science	Geography/History
<p>We begin the term by teaching a series of lessons about what makes a good quality sentence so that all children become confident at orally composing sentences before recording them.</p> <p>We will then complete units on poetry, setting description, instructional writing and stories with a familiar setting.</p>	<p>We will follow the schools Maths Mastery Programme starting with numbers within 10. Throughout the term we will then look at addition and subtraction within 10, shape and patterns, numbers to 20 and addition and subtraction within 20.</p>	<p>In science, we begin the term by looking at the seasons and weather. Later in the term, we will be learning all about plants.</p>	<p>In geography, the children will be learning about the 7 continents and 5 oceans. Later in the term, we will learn about the countries that make up the United Kingdom. In history, we focus on changes within living memory and look at how the shops have changed in Kedington over the last 50 years.</p>

Art and DT

In our drawing unit, we will experiment with different drawing tools and in our painting unit we will learn about primary colours and the dip, dip, dab method.

In DT, we will learn about mechanisms and make our own card sliders products and then we will investigate what makes a successful structure.

PE

Our PE lessons are on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Children will need to come to school in their PE kits and wear them all day. PE is taught by our sports coaches and will include work indoors and outdoors.

Forest School

Forest School takes place on **Wednesday** afternoons. The information leaflet about this can be accessed via class Dojo. Please ensure your child brings their clothing in each week to change into. At the end of the day on a Wednesday, please collect your child from the **playground near the play equipment**.

Home Learning

Home learning is set each Friday and can be found on Showbie. There will be a phonics task based upon our Sounds Write lessons that week and another task relating to either maths or a wider curriculum subject.

If you have forgotten your login or password for this, please let us know.

Reading and Phonics

Reading and phonics are an integral part of our teaching in Year 1. In the Autumn term, our daily phonics lessons start by revising the sounds the children learnt in reception and then we begin our programme of teaching new sounds.

We will listen to your child read on a one-to-one basis as much as we can, but your help at home listening to your child read at least four times a week is vital too. Please record this in their reading records and bring this, along with their books, into school every day.

Each Friday, your child will receive a book to read at home. This book is phonically decodable and aligns to our phonics teaching in class. Please encourage your child to re-read their books to improve their reading fluency. You could also ask questions about the book to help with your child's understanding and comprehension. Later on in the term, children will be given the opportunity to independently choose a reading book for pleasure in addition to their Sounds Write reading book.

Please send your child in with a named water bottle each day. Fruit is provided, but you can also send fruit in for your child to eat at playtime if you wish.

Please also label all clothing and shoes – especially jumpers and cardigans!