

Parent Welcome Session



Welcome from the Team

Year 1



Miss Smart
(Year Leader)



Miss Harper



Mrs Marsh



Mr Honour
Mrs Fielding
Miss Walsh
Miss Penton
Mr Bailey
Miss Escritt
Miss Took (PGCE)

Curriculum Overview for this half-term

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| <p>Topic: Playing with words</p> <p>This curriculum newsletter provides an overview of your child's learning this half-term</p> | <p>Science</p> <p>As Scientists we will observe changes in our local environment linked to seasons.</p> | <p>Computing</p> <p>As technology users we will be observing the technology around us and discussing different computing systems.</p> |
| <p>English</p> | <p>PE</p> | <p>RE</p> |
| <p>As authors we will be memorising and performing poetry. We will even have a go at creating our own version of a nonsense poem!</p> <p>As readers we will take part in phonics sessions that are progressive and teach us three new sounds a week.</p> <p>We will be reading and listening to lots of poems and talking about how they make us feel.</p> <p>Reading books will be changed weekly on a Monday but we request that children bring reading books and diaries in daily so that they can read to an adult in school.</p> | <p>As athletes we will learn how to move our bodies and our own limitations. We will learn what exercise is and why it is good for us.</p> | <p>As theologists we will be using our senses to explore significant artefacts from different religions.</p> |
| <p>Maths</p> | <p>Art and Design Technology</p> <p>As artists and designers we will explore spirals and circles after looking at the work of Molly Haslund.</p> | <p>History and Geography</p> <p>As historians we will be comparing the toys we have now with those of the 1960s.</p> <p>As geographers we will be going on a walk in our local area.</p> |
| <p>As mathematicians we will be building on our reception knowledge and moving onto looking at place value within 10. We will also be adding and subtracting numbers within 10.</p> | <p>RHE</p> <p>To understand ourselves and others we will be discussing different emotions and linking these to the zones of regulation. We will think about how our bodies grow and change. We will learn that some body parts are kept private.</p> | <p>Music</p> <p>As musicians we will be listening to music and identifying the beat.</p> <p>Languages</p> <p>As linguists we will be talking about the languages that are spoken in our class.</p> |

A paper copy of the half term curriculum newsletter will be sent home every half term.

It will also be available on the school website.

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| ay May I play?  | ee What can you see?  | igh Fly high  | ow Blow the snow  |
| oo Poo at the zoo  | oo Look at a book  | ar Start the car  | or Shut the door  |
| air That's not fair  | ir Whirl and twirl  | ou Shout it out  | oy Toy to enjoy  |
| kn Knock, knock, who's there?  | ck Tick tock clock  | wh Whisk, whisk  | ph Take a photo  |

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| ea Cup of tea  | oi Spoil the boy  | a-e Make a cake  |
| i-e Nice smile  | o-e Phone home  | u-e Huge brute  |
| aw Yawn at dawn  | are Care and share  | ur Nurse with a purse  |
| er A better letter  | ow Brown cow  | ai Snail in the rain  |

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| oa Goat in a boat  | ew Chew the stew  | ire Fire, fire!  |
| ear Hear with your ear  | ure Sure it's pure  | tion Pay attention, it's a celebration!  |
| tious Scrumptious delicious  | e He, we, me, she, be  | au Paul the astronaut  |
| e-e Go Pete and Steve!  | ie Terrible tie!  | ue Come to the rescue!  |

- Children will be streamed into phonics groups
- Children's reading books will match their phonics level
- These will be changed weekly
- We ask that all children bring their diary everyday

Year 1 Trips

Autumn Term
Strangers Hall



Spring Term
Africa Alive



Summer Term
Puppet Production



Supporting Learning at home

HOME LEARNING

1 | Read for a star



To help your child make good progress in their reading, we encourage you to read with your child at least four times a week and to log this in their reading diary. They will receive certificates during the year to celebrate their reading at home.

2 | Marvellous Maths

The aim of Marvellous Maths is to encourage your child to do a fun mathematical activity four times a week. This may be helping them with number bonds, practising telling the time and measuring ingredients whilst cooking.

3 | Year 1 Home Learning

- Reading four times a week
- Maths:
 - Numbots (log in details will be in reading diaries)
 - Maths in daily routine

Supporting Learning at home

Example of a completed week
in a reading diary

Week 3 Commencing 18th September 2023

| | |
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| Read For a Star | |
| Which book(s) am I reading this week? Stuck in Fog | |
| Marvellous Maths | |
| This week I'm working on... Numbers 10 - 100 | |
| Reading | Maths |
| Stuck in Fog P1-4 | Numbots |
| Reading | Maths |
| Stuck in Fog - green words and red words | Played snap |
| Reading | Maths |
| Stuck in Fog - practised 'Fred in your head' | Times table rockstars (10x table) |
| Reading | Maths |
| Read library book - 'Look Up!' | Measured ingredients for baking |
| Reading | Maths |
| Read stories at bedtime | Counted cars on the way to school |
| Weekend | |
| Spelling games + adding money | |
| Comments: | |

Tapestry



This year we are planning to trial the use of Tapestry (an online learning journey) in Year 1. We are in the process of setting this up.

Children will have the opportunity to record their own learning.

Adults will do occasional posts but children's work will also be in their books.

We would love to see learning at home posted on Tapestry.

We will send a text once this is up and running.



1 | PE Days

PE lead by Mr Moon will be on Mondays.

PE lead by class teachers will be on Tuesdays.



2 | Library Day

Library Day will be on Mondays.

Children will need to bring their library book in to get a new book to take home each week.



3 | Assemblies

Every week, we have a Monday morning assembly with Mr. Cross to start the week. We also have a weekly singing assembly and a celebration assembly on Friday. We will let you know in good time when your child's Show and Share Assembly will be taking place.

Our School Uniform

We are proud of our school uniform and we expect all children to wear it with pride. For safety reasons, children should not wear any jewellery in school, apart from studded earrings (which should be covered during PE and swimming).

| Uniform | PE Uniform (in named bag) |
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| Purple sweatshirt/cardigan (with or without logo) | Shorts and purple polo shirt |
| White shirt/polo shirt | Trainers for outdoor PE |
| Black or grey trousers / skirt / pinafore / shorts | |
| Dark trainers/flat sensible shoes | |



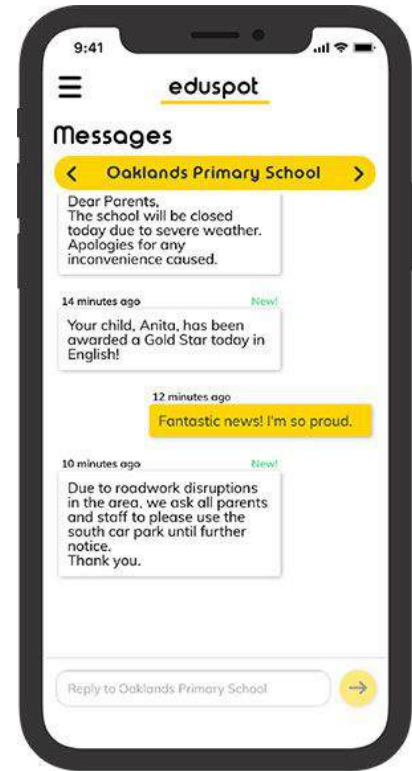
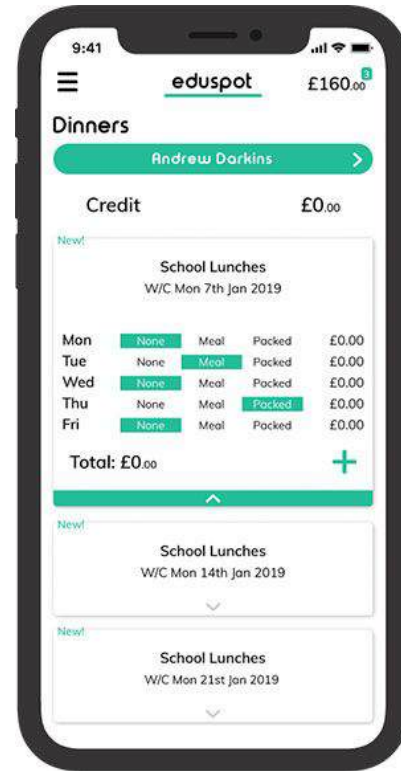
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of DEREHAM





How we keep in touch with you

We use Eduspot for school money and communication. Make sure you download the app and allow push notifications to receive texts alerts



How we keep in touch with you

Year 2 Blog Posts



Year 2 - Smoothie Making
19th June 2023

In the half term Year 2 have completed a smoothie making project. First they have looked at smoothies so that they could decide which fruits they liked best. Then they designed their own recipes and wrote out which ingredients they would need. Finally they made their smoothies, carefully cutting the fruit and adding to the blender before it was blended. Then they had to



Year 2 - PE
20th June 2023

This half term Year 2 have been enjoying developing their throwing, aiming and agility skills in PE. This week they took part in a variety of activities to practice what they've learnt. They were challenged themselves to adapt the activities to make them tougher!



Year 2 - Online Author Visit
22nd June 2023

We had an exciting morning today when they took part in an online author visit with Matthew Sykes and Diego Adorno. The children listened to fiction and Diego read them some books in Spanish and they took part in a quiz. After that, Diego taught the children how to draw the blackbirds from



Monthly Newsletters

Year Group Blog Pages

Curriculum Newsletter Year 2 / Autumn 2

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are back in school for a bright and exciting half term. We have a lot of activities planned for you and your children to enjoy. Please see our newsletter for more details on what we have planned for you and your children.

Key dates:

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Year 3 Wraps Hedgehog Music Performance

Oct 9 - 15, 2023

Monday, October 9
all-day • School Photos

Tuesday, October 10
all-day • School Photos

Friday, October 13
all-day • Curriculum Day

Newsletter June 2023

Reminder: Sports Day 2023

Welcome back to our final half term of this academic year. We have lots planned, including our Year 2 trip to Gower, a day of water sports at Widdowale Crofts for Year 3 and Year 5 one of to Eton Valley for their residential stay!

I hope parents and carers can join us for our upcoming sports day and summer tea, organised by the Friends of GHS.

Mr Matthew Cross
Headteacher

Sun Cream and Sun Hats

As we get warmer weather this half term please ensure that your child comes to school with a hat and sun cream. It's also recommended to apply sun cream at home and send your child to school with extra sun cream as they can re-apply.

KS1 Playground Improvements

Over the half term, we have been busy making improvements to our playground areas, to add more shade during the summer months and help improve playtimes for children. Please be considerate when

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| 19th June - Years 1, 2 and 3 | 9:15 - 11:30am |
| 19th June - Years 4, 5 and 6 | 12:30 - 2:45pm |
| 19th June - Nursery | AM - 10:50am PM - 2:30pm |
| 19th June - Reception | Best |

Earth Day 2023

Miss Taylor helped to lead our whole-school Earth Day event in May. Children found out more about the impact of climate on the environment, in the afternoon buddy classes met up to complete 'No - Move May' posters, which have been placed in our outdoor classroom.

Curriculum Newsletter every half-term

Online Calendar on our website

Workshares

Every half-term, we are inviting you into your child's classroom to have a browse of the learning they have done across subjects and to celebrate their achievements to date. These last 30 minutes and take place from 3 - 3.30pm.

The first workshare will take place on Tuesday 15th October from 3 - 3.30pm



Snack and Lunchtimes

Packed Lunches

This is eaten in the school hall with the other children. As a 'healthy school' we do not permit fizzy drinks or sweets.

School Lunches

There is a always hot dinner, vegetarian jacket potato and cold lunch option.

Children really enjoy trying a range of foods, with our roast Wednesdays and fish and chip Friday always a hit!

You can order your child's lunch in advance on our school app.

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THANK YOU

Mid-morning Break

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 get free fruit and Reception children also receive Milk. If you would prefer you can bring in a snack, this could be fruit, yoghurt or cheese. Please do not supply chocolate, sweets or crisps for mid-morning snack.

Water Bottles

Children should bring in a 'named' water bottle for use during the school day. This should be filled with water only - no squash, juices or fizzy drinks in school.

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Meat | Beefburgers with Potato Wedges | Pork and Carrot Meatballs in Tomato Sauce | Roast Chicken with Stuffing | BBQ Chicken with Bacony Potatoes | Fish and Chips |
| Vegetarian | Vegetarian | Vegetarian | Roast Potatoes, Peas, Carrots and Gravy | Meatless Salad | Chips and Fries or Baked Beans |
| Food for thought | Onion Casserole | Roast Potatoes | Summer Berry Muffins | Vanilla Ice Cream | Sticky Lemon Cheesecake with Orange Wedges |

Week One: 11 Sept - 15 Sept | Week Two: 18 Sept - 22 Sept | Week Three: 25 Sept - 29 Sept

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Why attendance is important



1 | Secure Relationships

Children find it easier to build and sustain a range of social relationships when they regularly attend school.

2 | Self-esteem

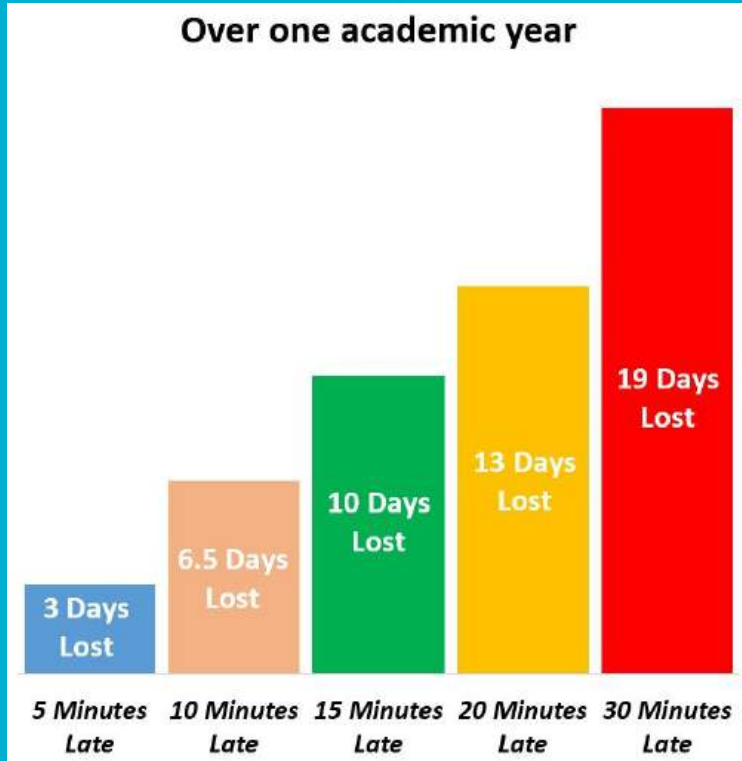
Children who rarely miss school and come on time are more likely to feel good about themselves. This is because they know what goes on and what to expect, feel more confident with the adults and the other children.

3 | Learning and development

Teachers plan lessons that build on previous knowledge. If children are absent from school regularly, they are at risk of having gaps in their learning.

Every minute counts

(figures below are calculated over a school year)



Top tips for improving attendance

- ★ Speak positively about school at home.
- ★ Have a regular routine for the start of each day.
- ★ Help your child get their clothes and bag ready before they go to bed.
- ★ Set a reasonable bedtime to make sure they get enough sleep.
- ★ Speak to staff at school if you would like more support.

Any Questions?

