Welcome to Year 1

Mrs Rix, Mrs Hunt and Miss Dutton

Who are we?

Mrs Rix (M-T) and Mrs Hunt (W-F)
Sparrows class teachers

Miss Dutton
Wagtails class teacher

Miss Vyse
Sparrows TA

Miss Bush
PPA cover in both classes

Mrs Irwin
Wagtails TA

What's changed due to Covid-19?

- Increased handwashing – children will wash their hands on arrival at school as well as before eating snack and lunch. We are not in bubbles anymore.

- We have whole school assembly on Mondays and Fridays and key stage 1 assemblies for singing, stories and themes through the week.

- Celebration assemblies are on Fridays. Bellbird Superstar certificates are awarded, and we sing our birthday song.

The outdoor space

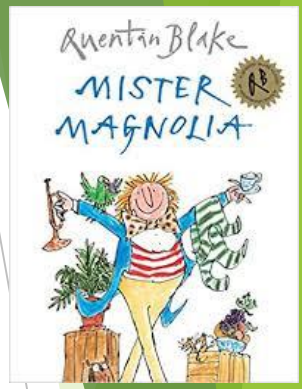
KS2 trim trail

KS1 playground and trim trail.

A typical day

Time	Lesson
8.45-9.10	Registration, morning work and book change
9.15-9.40	Phonics
9.40-10.30	English
10.30-10.50	Playtime and snack
10.50-11.05	Handwriting and Spelling
11.05-12.00	Maths
12.00-1.00	Lunch
1.05-1.30	Guided Reading
1.30-2.15	Science/Topic/PE/ICT/Music/RE/ Art/DT/PSHE
2.15-2.30	Playtime
2.30-3.15	Tidy up/story time/class/key stage or whole school assembly

English



What's the same?

- Phonics fairy
- Guided reading
- Books are changed once a week

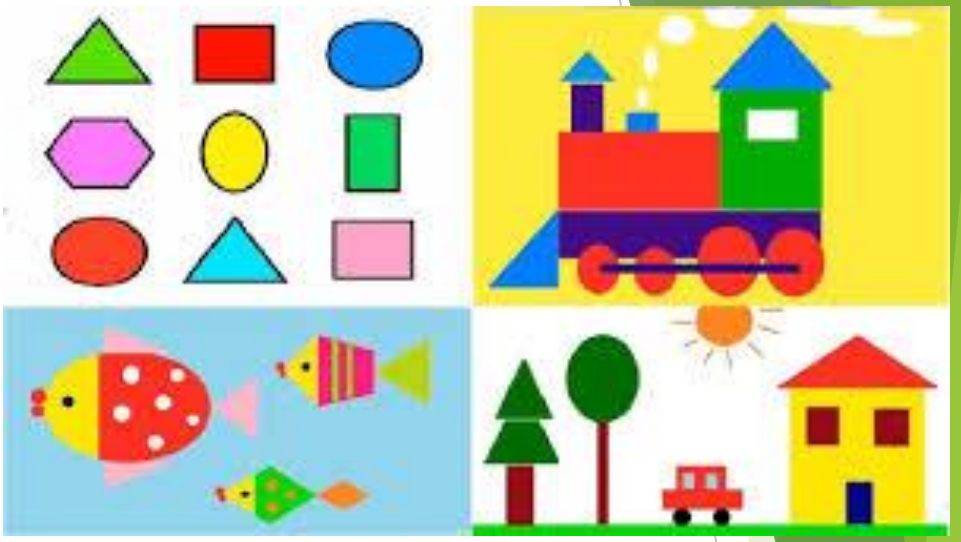
What's new?

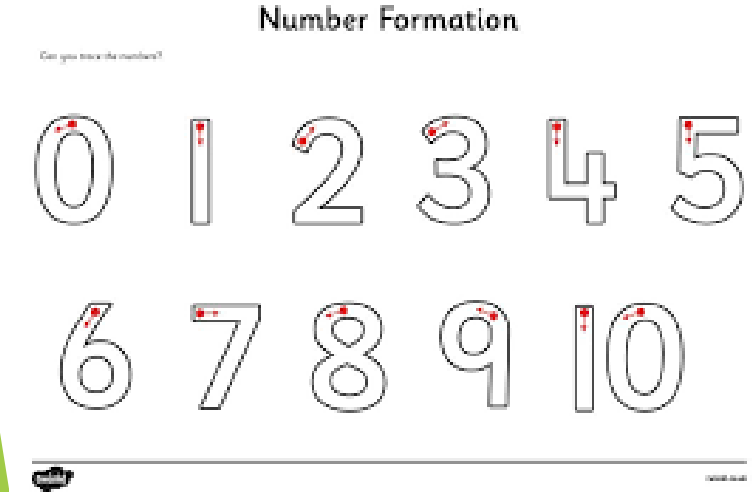
- Individual cursive letters
- Alternative spellings of sounds (including split digraphs)

  e.g. l<u>igh</u>t and b<u>i</u>k<u>e</u>
- Alternative pronunciations of graphemes

  e.g. t<u>ea</u>ch and br<u>ea</u>d
- Greater amount of time to write
- Free writing

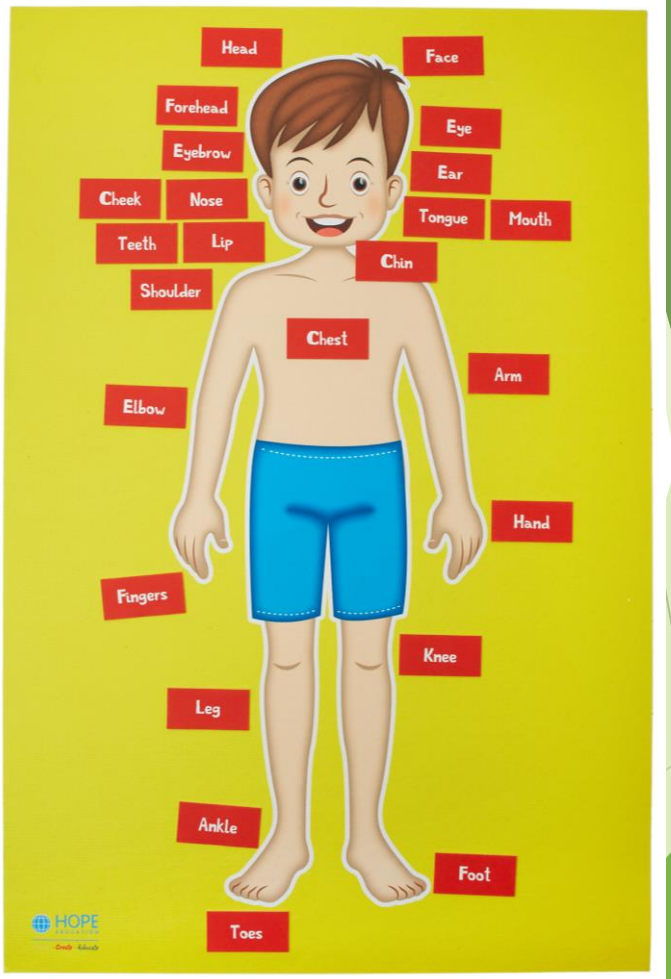
Mathematics





Science

Giraffe
Sloth
Flamingo
Tiger
Frog
Anteater
Zebra
Snake
Toucan
Lion
Whale
Crocodile
Elephant
Fox
Iguana
Booby Bird
Leopard
Hippo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Face
Forehead
Eye
Eyebrow
Ear
Cheek
Nose
Tongue
Mouth
Teeth
Lip
Chin
Shoulder
Chest
Arm
Elbow
Hand
Fingers
Knee
Leg
Ankle
Foot
Toes
HOPE

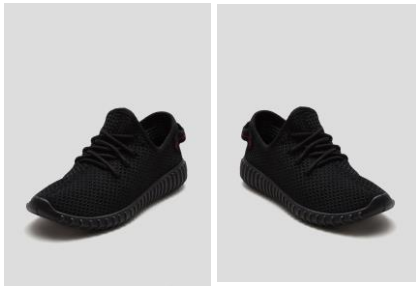
Topic

PE - indoors and outdoors

- No earrings
- Long hair tied back

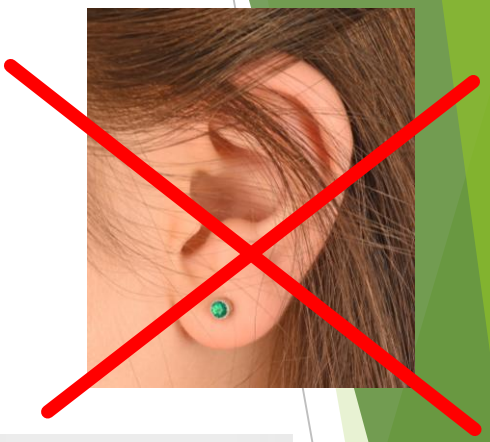
Indoor (**Fridays**)

- School PE shirt
- Navy shorts

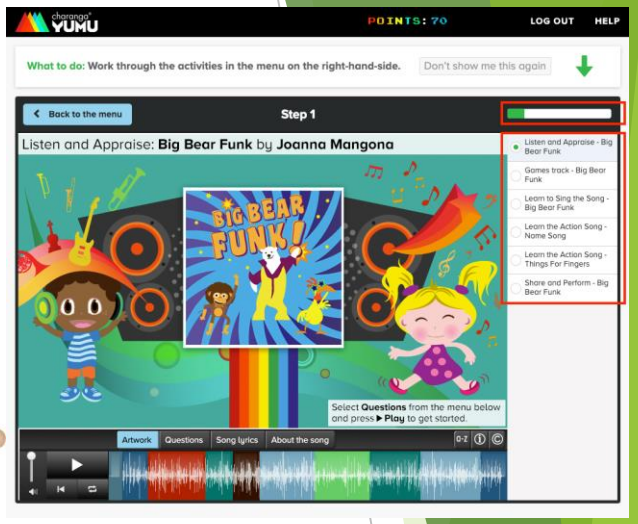


Outdoor (**Wednesdays**)

- School PE shirt
- Joggers or leggings
- Waterproof trainers with socks
- School sweatshirt and coat



RE, Music, PSHE, Art/DT



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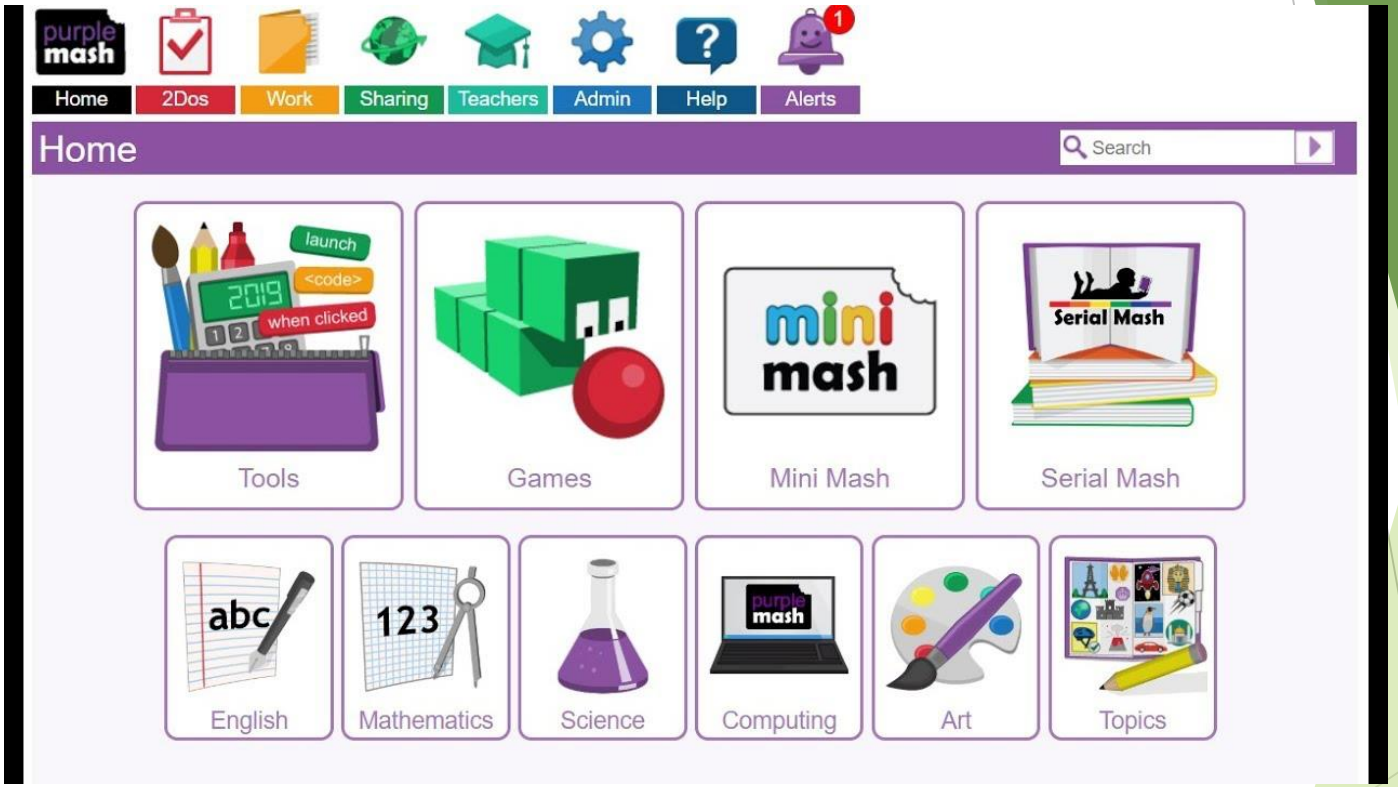


Purple Mash

- Children's login details are in the middle sticker pages of their reading records

Supporting learning at home

Reading

- Reading records. Please record any reading (books from home or school).
- Use the reward stickers inside the record.
- **Ensure your child brings their reading record every day.**

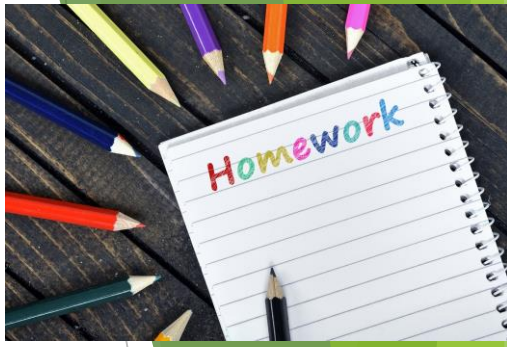
Children will take home:

- A phonically decodable reading book and a non-decodable book.

Children are encouraged to read their own books and visit the library!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS PLEASE - FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY/LISTENING TO READERS

Homework



Initial Homework

- A termly menu of suggested tasks relating to current topic. Children can share their work on a Friday.
- Spelling quizzes are on **Fridays.** Spelling lists will be sent home every Friday for the following week's quiz.
- Maths activities will be set on Mathletics.
- We will also occasionally set phonics activities on Purple Mash too.

Home learning

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"Soaring to Success"
Year 1 Autumn Term

Wagtails and Sparrows:

Reading folder in book bag **every day**.

A PE kit **worn to school** on PE days.

Water bottle every day – **water only**.

PE: (Wednesdays and Fridays)

On Wednesdays, we have **outdoor** PE with Premier Sport. This will work on invasion games and developing skills such as passing and moving with a ball.

Friday PE lessons this term concentrate on performing dances using simple movement patterns.

Topic: Past and Present

Children will spend this term looking at toys and homes in the past. This will also link to work in Art and DT.

Homework

Children will have a Homework Menu with different activities related to our topic. We would like children to do at least three of these activities by the end of this autumn term.

History:

Our History topic this term will be "Past and Present" focusing on the question "what was everyday life like in the past?"

Mathematics:

We will focus on numbers to 20 for this term in order to consolidate children's understanding.

We will be looking at Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Shape.

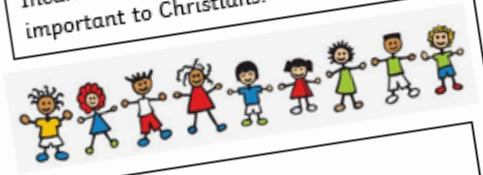
You can support children by looking for the use of numbers in real life e.g. motorway junctions, house numbers and speed limit signs.

Art/DT:

We will take inspiration from our English and Topic work for Art and DT. This will include making masks for characters we create. We will write instructions and make peg dolls and beautiful Christmas decorations.

RE:

In RE this term we look at God, Incarnation and why Christmas is important to Christians.



PSHE:

We will be looking at relationships and belonging in the classroom and wider school community. We will also discuss internet safety as well as bullying.

English:

We begin this term looking at *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. This will include work on instructions, writing invitations and adapting the text to include a new character. We might even make some sandwiches!

We move on to researching tigers in our learning about non-fiction books. We will look at Quentin Blake's *Mr Magnolia* in our poetry unit and then read *The Jolly Postman*. In cross-curricular writing, we will create our own hedgehog fact-files.

Throughout the term children will be applying their phonic understanding which will be developed through our daily phonics sessions.

The children will change their **reading books** once a week. Your child's book changing day will be indicated in their reading record. (Please note this day may change as term progresses.) Please leave the reading folder in their bag as they may read with an adult on any day.

Science:

In science we will be thinking about types of animals including humans and will also monitor the weather as part of our seasonal changes unit.

Music:

We will be following our school music scheme: Charanga. We will experiment with instruments to make rhythms and patterns, speak chants and rhymes and listen with concentration to a range of live and recorded music.

Home learning

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Wagtails and Sparrows

Autumn homework menu

"Past and Present"

Topic Related Activities

We would like you to complete three of these activities (or use your own ideas) by Friday 12th December 2021. Please take a photo of your project and email into school (office@thebellbird.cambs.sch.uk). We will share these every week, usually on Friday. Have fun!!

- Talk to the oldest person you know (grandparent or a family friend). Ask them about what they used to do and what toys they played with when they were younger.
- Find some black and white photos.
- Find information about transport in the past.
- Search the internet for toys in the past. You could draw a picture, write about it, make the toy or make a presentation.
- Find out what toys were made of in the past. Were they metal, wooden or plastic? Did toys use batteries?
- Take photographs, draw a picture and write about your favourite toy.
- Find out about how people used to wash their clothes and cook in the past.
- Discover how homes were different in the past.

Year 1 Spelling Homework – Autumn term

Please learn these spellings at home.

We will have our spelling quiz on Friday 17th September.

	First try	Second try	Third try
no			
to			
go			
I			
the			

Our spotlight words this week are from our class text:

grocer swallowed supper

They are not in the quiz but children are encouraged to use them in their work through the week.

Explore your child's online Mathematics program

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child is using Mathletics as part of their mathematics lesson at school. Mathletics is a targeted, rewarding and captivating online learning resource, which is aligned to curriculum standards. Your child has take-home access to Mathletics – they simply sign in with their school username and password using any compatible computer or mobile device.

The extra Mathletics practice at home can make all the difference to your child's progress. Encourage them to achieve a weekly target of 1000 points to earn a certificate, building through bronze, silver and gold across the school year. Go for gold!

Sign in with your child to start exploring what Mathletics has to offer:

1. Visit www.mathletics.com using your child's login details below
2. Explore all the engaging activities and games Mathletics has to offer
3. Check out 'My Progress' for your child's activity results and certificates

PC & Mac

Simply visit mathletics.com and click SIGN IN

QR Code Sign In

Jump into Mathletics effortlessly using the QR code on your sign-in card

Tablet & iPad

Download our **FREE** Student App from all major app stores

Student Mathletics Login:

Fill out student login information or

Username: _____

Password:

Key points

- Water bottles in school every day – water only please
- Reading wallet in school every day.
- Snack at playtime is provided. If you send in a snack, it must be a fruit or vegetable. If you send in grapes, they need to be chopped up.
- Label everything! (Packed lunch boxes, Book bags, cardigans, sweatshirts, gloves etc.) Please check the labelling regularly as it can fade or fall off.
- Please, if possible, avoid rucksacks. They are too big for our pegs. Books bags are sufficient. Please limit the size and number of keyrings on them!
- Children need to wear PE kit to school on Wednesdays and Fridays (please dress them appropriately for the weather).
- Always send a coat. Lots of our learning takes place outdoors as well as break times.

And finally…

- If you need to speak to a teacher, leave a message with the SLT in the morning, call at the office or catch the teacher at the end of the day (if it is a quick query). Otherwise, we are happy to arrange an appointment.
- Thank you for your time. We are looking forward to a super year in year one!

- *Any questions?*

Miss Dutton and Mrs Hunt