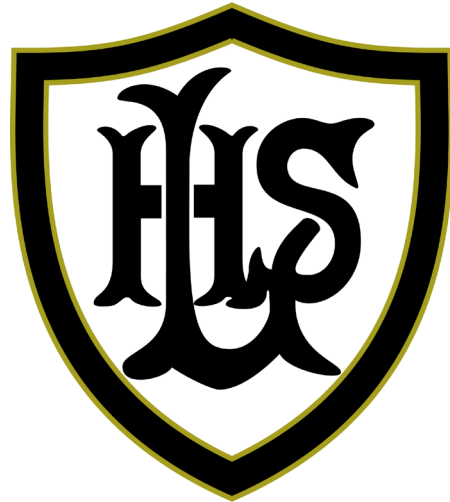


Lynch Hill School September 2020

Aim high, work hard, care deeply



Foreword from Mrs Tomlinson

I cannot wait to welcome you all in September and hope that it will be the start of a school year filled with amazing opportunities, new challenges and endless fun.

Each day, I feel very grateful and extremely proud that I am the Headteacher of this school: a school where our vision is to '***Aim High, Work Hard and Care Deeply***'. It is important to know that this isn't just an expectation for the pupils, every adult in the school has to do this too. If we are all aiming high, working hard and caring deeply, then Lynch Hill School is a place where anything is possible, where targeted outcomes are achieved and the support and commitment is there to enable everyone to develop, to grow and to experience what success feels like.

I want this new school year to be a year where you make the most of all that is on offer at Lynch Hill, where you are able to embrace challenge and one where you feel brave enough to try new things. You are not alone; we are on this journey together.

A Welcome to Year 1

This marks the first year in Key Stage 1 within your child's education. It is a big step for the children, but we are here to make it feel a lot smoother! At the beginning of the year, we will offer a learning environment similar to that experienced in early years in order to ease the children's transition following the extended period away from school. Over the year, we will move away from a more play-based curriculum to one that is a little more structured. It will involve sitting at a table for slightly longer but the children will still be learning in a variety of ways - exploring outside, in groups, on the carpet or walking around the school!

The Staff in Year 1



Miss Williams



Ms Knight



Mrs Njunge



Miss Read



Miss Laws

The Staff in Year 1 - continued



Mrs Everson-Plant



Mrs Ellis



Mrs Vasilov



Miss Cargin

Introduction to Miss Williams

I'm Miss Williams, and I love reading stories with you. My favourite story is Elmer, because he is so kind and colourful! I can't wait to give out lots of golden tickets and bonus points and am so excited to help you learn lots of new things next year.

I particularly enjoy teaching phonics and am looking forward to hearing you all become fabulous readers. I'm so excited to meet you all properly in September!



Introduction to Miss Laws

Hello! I'm Miss Laws and this year will be my first year teaching at Lynch Hill School. I am so excited to meet you all and start our learning journey together. I love sport, music and art and can't wait to discover all of your amazing talents.

Listening to my pupils read is one of my favourite activities. I'm sure you will really enjoy your time in Year 1 and I am looking forward to helping you all achieve.



Introduction to Ms Knight

Hello! I am Ms. Knight. I am so excited to be your teacher next year. I am looking forward to reading you stories and rhymes, because I love books and poetry. I also love to draw. I can't wait to meet you all so that I can get to know you and start to learn about what you love to do.

We will soon be learning fabulous things like maths, history, reading and science together. You are going to learn so much and have a lot of fun in Year 1.



Introduction to Mrs Njunge

Hello Year 1! My name is Mrs Njunge and I'm going to be your Year 1 teacher. Learning in Year 1 is so much fun! I particularly love teaching music - singing lots of fun songs and listening to them helps me enjoy my day in school with a smile! I hope when we sing together you will feel the same. My other favourite time is when I share stories with children by reading them aloud, and I love it more when they join in with their favourite part.

I can't wait to spoil you with lots of golden tickets and bonus points as I help you learn new and exciting things in Year 1!



Introduction to Miss Read

Hello! My name is Miss Read and I am very excited to see you all in Year One in September. I love teaching phonics and always have Fred Frog with me in school.

Throughout the day I give out lots of bonus points and stickers to children. Sometimes I have special smelly stickers and golden tickets too. I am looking forward to reading lots of stories and working with you all.



Our Classrooms and our unit

Below are photos of our shared areas and classrooms.



5 Fun facts about Year 1

- ▶ We love stories! Storytime is a crucial part of our day and we love sharing lots of wonderful stories with you.
- ▶ We are currently working really hard to make our outside area beautiful and want your help! This year, we are going to be doing lots of gardening and playing outside - we go to the big playground for a morning break and also play there after eating lunch.
- ▶ You will have kidzone on a Friday! This is a fun hour where you get to pick what you do and what room you go to for it.
- ▶ One of our topics is all about pirates. We will be making treasure chests, learning about famous pirates and thinking about what it would have been like to be a pirate.
- ▶ We give out lots of stickers, including ones that are sparkly, shiny and some that are even smelly! We also give out bonus points that might lead to you getting a prize at the end of each term.

Equipment

- ▶ Within Year 1 all school equipment is provided for your child so no pencil case is needed.
- ▶ Please do ensure that anything your child brings to school is clearly named. We start to give the children more responsibility over their possessions. When named, it is far easier to find them if they happen to get lost!
- ▶ At break there is an option for the children to buy toast and other food items. Please ensure that any money provided in a named purse or wallet.

PE Kits

We ask that PE kit is in school Monday to Friday.

- ▶ A plain or school yellow T shirt, black shorts, black leggings and a change of trainers for outdoor games.
- ▶ Black or grey tracksuit for outdoor games.

Homework

- ▶ Your child will receive handwriting on a Monday; this is for the whole week. We ask that you complete 2 words daily, taking care with letter formation. This should only take a maximum of 5 minutes each day.
- ▶ The words used for the handwriting are also spelling words. You will receive a copy of these the week before for you to practise at home. We have weekly spelling tests on a Friday and will share the results with you.
- ▶ We ask that you practise reading daily. Your child will receive a new Read Write Inc book on a Monday and will keep it for the week. It is the same book that they are reading in school and re-reading it will help their decoding, comprehension and fluency.
- ▶ On a Friday, there is maths homework that is due in on the Monday. This will link to the topic your child has completed in school during the week.
- ▶ All homework should be kept within your child's homework folder. We would like this to be in school daily.
- ▶ We appreciate that homework is new to the children coming into Year 1. Therefore there are no consequences for not completing homework the first half term. However, from the second term in Autumn, your child will be kept in at break until they have completed the task from the previous day. On the third occasion within a term, they will lose their good day ticket.

Breakfast club, Fun Zone and after school clubs

Breakfast Club

- ▶ Breakfast club doors are open between 8.00am and 8.25am. The child enters through the double white doors at the end of the Year 1 classrooms.
- ▶ Breakfast club is open to all and can be paid for, in advance, online.

Fun Zone

- ▶ Fun Zone is an after school supervised club that runs from 3.15pm until 5.45pm. Spaces are limited so places need to be applied for via the school office.

After-school clubs

- ▶ We offer a variety of after-school activities which can be sport-based, crafts and many others. A letter is sent out prior to each half term to allow you to apply for these.
- ▶ Spaces are limited so giving every child one club per half term is the first priority.

The school day

- ▶ Initially, our day will be like Reception, with continuous provision throughout the day, ensuring that the transition is smoother.
- ▶ As we go through the year, the day in Year 1 will develop more structure than within Early Years. We will have four main learning sessions in each day. When we move to more formal learning, we will complete the following lessons:
 - ▶ We will have daily maths, normally first thing in the morning. One day it will be in the afternoon, as PE will happen in the morning. We follow maths mastery, ensuring that the children learn the basics of maths in a hands-on fashion.
 - ▶ We also have daily phonics. We use Read Write Inc, which provides a structured, systematic and engaging approach to teaching phonics and English. This will be taught in smaller groups to ensure the children are making the maximum amount of progress.
 - ▶ We teach Personal, Social and Health Education using Jigsaw once a week. This covers all government requirements for Relationship, Sex and Health Education in a fun way. We also have one lesson a week on Religious Education, where we learn about a variety of religious festivals.
 - ▶ We teach a variety of topics using the International Primary Curriculum. This involves all core subjects and teaches them in a creative way. As a school, we embrace the IPC learning goals and use these within all our learning.

Trips

- ▶ We plan to go to Wisley Gardens in the Spring term. This links with our IPC topic of Green Fingers. It provides children with the opportunity to see a variety of trees and plants and enjoy a variety of activities.
- ▶ In the Summer term, we go to Beale Wildlife Park. There are some incredible animals to see and a really fun play park!



Wisley Gardens



Beale Park

FAQs

- ▶ How was my child levelled at the end of last year?
 - ▶ Last academic year we gave the children a predicted grade based on their performance up to March 2020. This is to allow their new teachers an awareness of their ability and plan accordingly.
- ▶ What is the Phonics Screening Check and will it happen this year?
 - ▶ The phonics screening is a national test that has happened previous years in June within Year 1. Currently the department for education has not given out guidance how what assessment will take place at the end of the academic year in 2021. As soon as we have been informed we will communicate this with parents.
- ▶ Will there be parent interviews this year?
 - ▶ We have scheduled in these and will ensure appropriate safety measures are in place prior to these taking place. If there is any change to these plans, we will communicate this to the parents as soon as we are able.
- ▶ How will you help my child with the transition?
 - ▶ We are working closely with the head of Early Years to ensure that Year 1 looks and feels similar to Reception classes initially. As we progress through the year we will move towards more formal lessons.