

Welcome to Year 1 at Lipson Vale Primary School. In Year 1 we have Seahorse class and Oyster class. We are a team of 6 staff members. Mrs Coles and Mrs Diggins are the class teachers of Seahorses. Mrs Diggins will be returning from Maternity Leave after October half term. Miss Jones is the teacher of Oysters. Mrs Hood, Miss Parkins and Miss Smith are the year group teaching assistants. We are excited about the year ahead and hope that your child is settling into Year 1 well.

Topics covered this year

We are unique. During this term we will be exploring our feelings, our local area, looking at seasonal changes, looking into members of our families and how we are all different.

We are historians. During this half term we will be putting on our historical hats and finding out about toys old and new, designing and making our own models and looking into computing and programming toys.

We are trailblazers We will be looking at influential people past and present who shaped medicine including Florence Nightingale. We will be learning how her work paved the way for our heroes today! We will also be looking at our health and wellbeing.

We are explorers. This half term we will become Geographers, we will be participating in field work and gaining geographical skills, we will be experimenting with painting and collage and understanding our individual wellbeing.

We are botanists. As we inevitably reach the end of the year and our lovely children will grow, we will also be learning about how things grown and looking at an untraditional tale. We will look at food and nutrition, digital literacy and internet safety as well as looking at plants, how they grow and all their parts.

PE days

Our PE day is on a Wednesday. One session of PE will be taught the Argyle Sports Coaches. The other sessions will be taught by Miss Jones, Mrs Coles or Mrs Diggins.

Homework and expectations

The Year 1 expectation is for your child to read their home reading book each week. Allow them to read these books to you and support them using reading techniques they use in school. We are more than happy to show you what we do in Read Write Inc.

In Year 1 we also do weekly spelling tests. Which we will be sent out after October half term. The spellings you will receive are in correspondence to your child's reading group in Read Write Inc.

Statutory Tests

In Year 1 your child/children are required to undertake a Phonics Screening Check. This usually takes place around June. It's nothing to worry about and we will hold a parent session to give you lots of information to support at home and what the screening entails. This will happen nearer the time and we will contact you when we have a date as to when this will be.

How to help your child at home

Aside from reading and spellings, we may send home targeted activities throughout the year for you to support your child/children at home. Nearer to the time of the Phonics Screening Check we will provide you with links to videos that will support your child's phonics practice at home.

Other things you need to know

A polite reminder that due to allergies we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL!**

Please be aware of this if you are providing your child/children with a home packed lunch and snack or if you are bringing in any treats to celebrate birthdays.

Please ensure everything your child brings to school is named! Please ensure your child has their book bag and water bottle in school every day.

We kindly ask that toys from home do not come into school. It would be a huge shame for your child/children to lose their toys or for them to become accidentally broken at school.

Date for drop-in: Wednesday 20th September 2023 3:30pm

Take care and please let us know if you require any additional help.

