



**Welcome to
Year 1
Curriculum
Essentials
Parent Meeting.**

Positive Behaviour and Wellbeing

Classroom Expectations

Positive behaviour is built on routines and respect.

- Daily rewards celebrate effort and kindness.
- Direct contact ensures we resolve concerns fast.
- Partnership between home and school keeps your child secure and confident.

We have an open door policy. Please feel free to speak to any adult at the door, or we are happy to arrange an appointment or phone call.



Our Year 1 Curriculum Journey

Termly highlights:

- Autumn:** Ourselves, Our Local Area, Animals including humans.
- Spring:** Toys from the Past, Dinosaur sculptures, Materials.

Special events:

- Local area walk- exploring local landmarks, homes and signs.
- Toys from the Past Workshop.
- Leeds Castle- Exploring how castles kept people safe.

Summer Term

- Summer:** Plants, Castles, Celebrations.

Example

Topics come alive via dressing-up, artefacts, and outdoor exploration.

Reading at the Heart of English



Phonics and Fluency

Daily phonics, English lessons, RWI sessions and story times build recognition of sounds, reading skills, spelling, fluency and comprehension.



Reading Together at Home

Read 10–15 mins daily to boost vocabulary and confidence. Make it fun:

- Talk about illustrations and events
- Make predictions
- Ask questions
- Discuss new words

Remember - Make reading part of your daily routine. Model reading for pleasure and share books daily to build habits.



Writing, Grammar, and Handwriting

Writing Genres

Children write labels, lists, stories, recipes, poems, instructions and reports linked to class themes.

Grammar & Handwriting

We practise letter formation, finger spaces, capital letters, full stops and using conjunctions like 'and' or 'because'.

Example

Writing thrives when sentences celebrate personal experiences, toys, and adventures.

Phonics Screening Check

In June, Year 1 pupils take a short, friendly phonics check.

What happens? Pupils read 40 words with their teacher.

Word Types - Real and 'alien' words test blending.

Low-Stress - We complete mock assessments every half term so this is a normal routine to keep calm.



Mastering Mathematics and Fluency



Core Maths Concepts

Place value to 100, addition, subtraction, fractions, shapes, measurement.

- Use concrete resources
- Problem-solving games
- Weekly number quizzes



Remember

Fluency makes maths automatic. It frees brainpower for complex tasks.

Homework and Independent Routines

Manageable Home Tasks

Homework builds confidence:

- Read 10-15 mins daily
- Practice number skills
- Practice phonics and spelling

🔍 Example

Encourage children to look after their own belongings, zip coats and put on their shoes to build independence.





Healthy Technology and Screen Time

Digital Safety

Protect wellbeing: use age-appropriate apps.

- No social media
- Keep devices out of bedrooms
- Use parental controls

Watch out

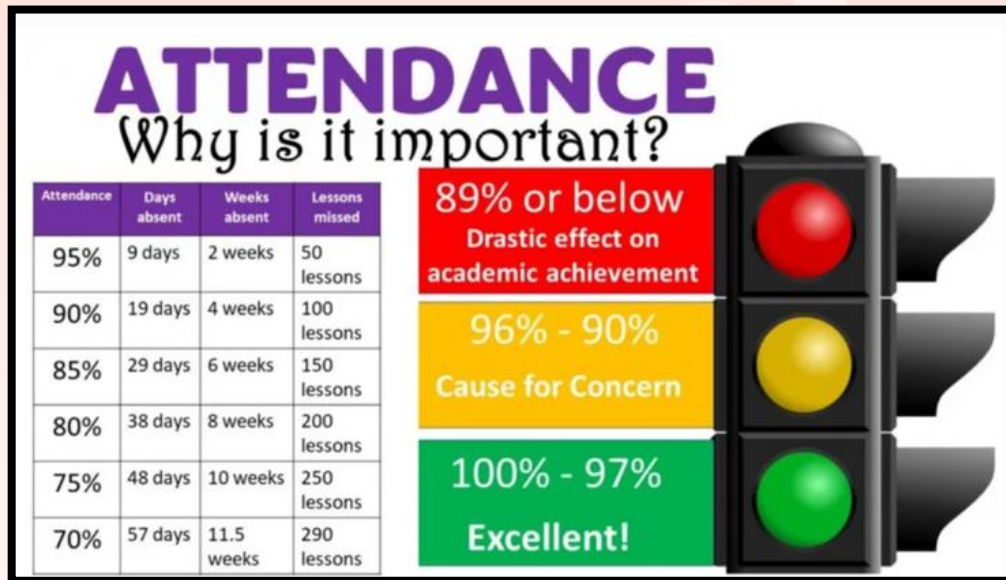
Screens harm sleep, focus, self-esteem and mental health.

Attendance and Punctuality

Every Day Counts

Being on time helps children learn.

- Gates open: 8:40 am
- Morning work starts promptly
- Routines reduce anxiety



Key point

Late arrivals miss vital phonics and settling time.

Uniform and School Routines

Please ensure children come into school in their correct uniform.

Jewellery should only comprise small stud earrings or religious jewellery, no necklaces or decorative bracelets.

Please ensure earrings are removed for PE days as a matter of safety.

KS1 children are required to use a book bag that fits into their tray.

Please ensure you walk your child to the classroom door.





SINGLEWELL

P.E. KIT REMINDER

**P.E. kit should include:**

- All-black trainers
- Sports socks
- Drawstring sports shorts
- Plain black jogging bottoms (unbranded, no logos)
- White or red polo top
- School sweatshirt or cardigan (no hoodies)



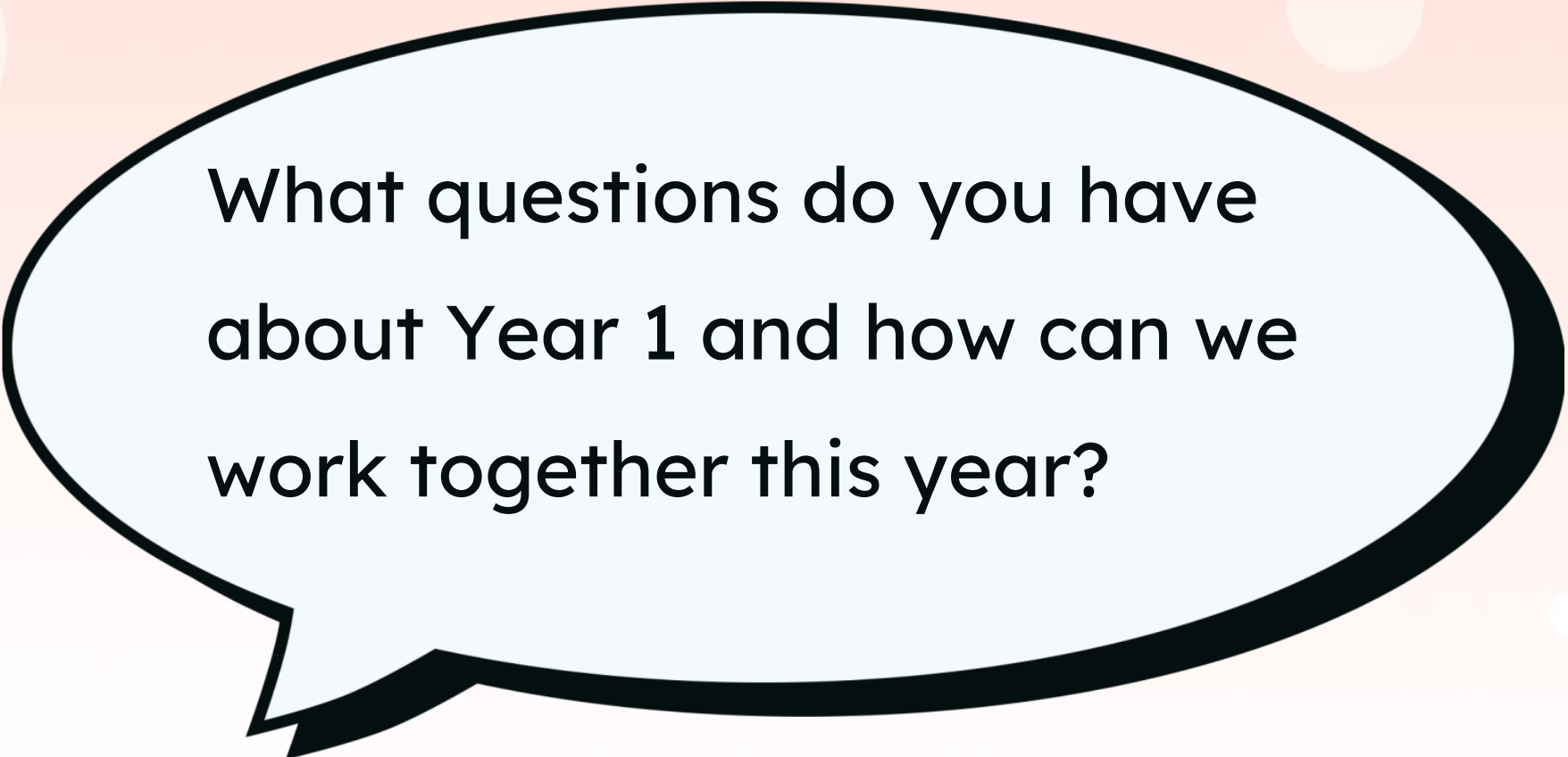
**Important reminders**

- No jewellery, including earrings, should be worn on those days.
- Children may wear PE shorts on warmer days. These must be plain black school sports shorts (not cycling shorts).
- On colder days the children can wear black jogging bottoms (not leggings).





Questions and Partnerships



What questions do you have
about Year 1 and how can we
work together this year?

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You might have said...

Ask about routines, phonics or lunches.

Check our website for letters and key dates.

Speak with teachers about any questions or
worries.