



Curriculum Dates

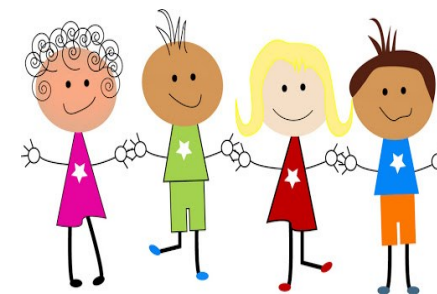


<u>Autumn Term</u>	
Parents Evening	16.10.2024 and 17.10.2024
INSET Day	04.11.2024
Armistice Day	11.11.2024
Anti-bullying week	w/b 11.11.2024
Children in Need	15.11.1024
Individual and sibling photos	22.11.2024
Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day	13.12.2024
<u>Spring Term</u>	
Safer Internet Day	11.02.2025
Parents Evening	05.02.2025 and 06.02.2025
St David's Day Dinner	28.02.2025
World Book Day	06.03.2025
Science Day	14.03.2025
Red Nose Day—Comic Relief	21.03.2025
Mothers Day Sale	28.03.2025
<u>Summer Term</u>	
St Georges Day	23.04.2025
Father's Day Sale	13.05.2025
KS1 Sports Day	19.06.2025
Enterprise Week	w/b 23.06.2025
Class Swap	03.07.2025
Reports out	11.07.2025
End of Year Celebration	16.07.2025
End of Year Assembly	18.07.2025
Inset Days	21.07.2025 and 22.07.2025



Merrylands Primary School and Nursery

Welcome to Year 1



Year 1 Curriculum - The Core Subjects

English

In Year 1, children are expected to apply their phonetic knowledge and skills to decode, read and spell words. They will start to develop the ability to be able to talk about the main events of a story and describe how characters behave. They also learn to tell the difference between fiction and non-fiction texts. When writing, children need to use a capital letter and full stop to separate their ideas and will start to use conjunctions, such as 'and' 'because' and 'but', to join sentences. They will also be taught to start their sentences in different ways. Children's handwriting should become more uniform in size, and show clear ascenders and descenders.

Maths

At Merrylands, we follow White Rose Maths and adapt the resources to suit the children's needs. We teach maths through fluency activities with a range of mathematical equipment to develop their understanding of number, leading on to pictorial and abstract methods. By the end of Year 1, the children will make connections between arrays, number patterns, and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. The children will also be expected to add and subtract using the correct written method to help solve simple word problems using the correct vocabulary to explain their mathematical thinking.

Science

In Science, we learn about the world through: investigating, exploring, having fun, making observations and asking questions. We use the local area to explore the world around us and look closely at materials, habitats, plants and animals. We also look at seasonal changes throughout the year.

Our topics

Across each term we explore a topic, which is taught across the curriculum. These are the topics that we look at in Year 1 and the areas of learning explored within them.

Autumn 1	Where I live...
Autumn 2	Toys
Spring 1	Living on an island
Spring 2	Here I go! Up, Up and Away!
Summer 1 and 2	Me and My Marvellous World!

General Information

PE

The teaching of PE will be taking place on Wednesdays and either Mondays or Thursdays depending on your child's class. On some occasions this could change. Your child's kit, including an outdoor one, should be in school at all times. This will be sent home each half term to wash. All jewellery and earrings should be removed for PE lessons. This year all children will have an opportunity to engage in forest school. Please keep an eye out for announcements on this.

Homework

Please ensure that your child practises their reading five times a week. This will help them apply their phonic knowledge and develop their comprehension skills with a book at the appropriate level. Separate phonics homework will be set to further practise new sounds and words that are taught.

Internet Safety

As digital devices become more embedded in our lives, our children need to be aware how to use them responsibly, creatively and productively. Along with your support at home, we will be actively teaching children how to be better digital citizens across our curriculum.

How to support your child's learning at home

Writing

Please continue to practise the words and sounds learnt in Reception which can be found in their sounds and word folder. Encourage writing e.g. letters to family or friends, shopping lists, notes or reminders, stories or poems. Write together – be a good role model for writing. Allow your child to use a computer for word processing, which will allow for editing and correcting of errors.

Reading

Enjoy reading your child's book together—this should be 5 times a week and signed by an adult! Read a little at a time but often. Talk about the story before, during and afterwards. Visit the local library - it's free!

Maths

Practicing counting forwards and backwards to 100 and in steps of 2, 5 and 10! Encourage opportunities for real life maths—e.g. telling the time, counting coins and weighing ingredients for recipes. Look for examples of 2D and 3D shapes around the home. Play games involving numbers or logic, such as dominoes, card games, darts, draughts or chess.