



Curriculum Dates

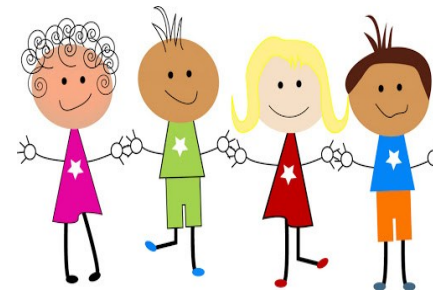


<u>Autumn Term</u>	
Parents Evening	15.10.2025 & 16.10.2025
INSET Day	03.11.2025
Armistice Day	11.11.2025
Anti-bullying week	w/b 10.11.2025
Children in Need	14.11.2025
Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day	12.12.2025
<u>Spring Term</u>	
Careers and Aspirations Week	w/b 19.01.2026
Parents Evening	04.02.2026 & 05.02.2026
Safer Internet Day	11.02.2026
Chinese New Year Special Dinner	13.02.2026
Science Day	27.02.2026
World Book Day	05.03.2026
Mother's Day Sale	13.03.2026
Red Nose Day (Comic Relief)	20.03.2026
<u>Summer Term</u>	
St Georges Day	23.04.2026
National Numeracy Day	20.05.2026
Father's Day Sale	19.06.2026
Year 1 / 2 / 3 Sports Day	23.06.2026
Meet the teacher class swap	08.07.2026
End of Year Celebration	15.07.2026
End of Year Assembly	17.07.2026
Inset Day	20.07.2026



Merrylands Primary School and Nursery

Welcome to Year 1



English

Year 1 Curriculum - The Core Subjects

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 explore in Year 1.

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 twice a week (or once if they do Forest School) on either Monday, Wednesday or Thursday 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. The children will also bring home spelling homework each week and they will also have a Numbots and Mathletics login to complete Maths homework.

Internet Safety

As digital devices become more embedded in our lives, the children need to be aware of 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

Practice 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, draughts or chess.