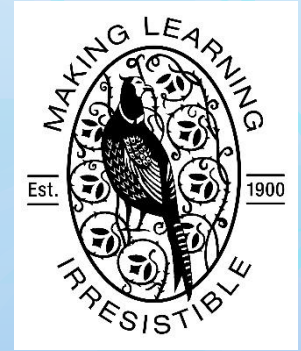


Welcome to Year 1

Information Session for Parents and Carers

Tuesday 17th September 2024

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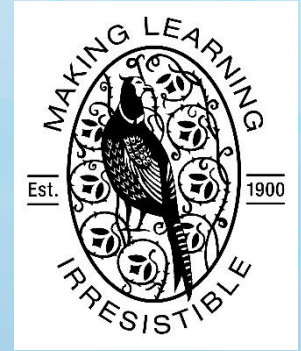
*Crimson Class: Ms Del Corso
Miss Simpson (PPA Cover)*

*Scarlet Class: Miss Jones
Miss Simpson (PPA Cover)*

*Year Group
Teaching*

Assistant Team: Miss Bromell, Miss Hone and Miss Kwieder

Welcome to Year 1



Topics this year:

- Autumn 1: Amazing Animals
- Autumn 2: Toys of the Past
- Spring 1 & 2: Wonderful World
- Summer 1: Stones and Bones
- Summer 2: Treemendous Tales

Financial assistance may be available for trips/visits, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance.

Every Day Attendance

- Children arrive at school at 8:40, ready to come into school at 8:45 when the gates will be closed. Teachers take the register at 8:45.
- Punctual arrival is important, as teaching starts promptly - aim for 100% attendance!
Did you know...?

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

Every Day Attendance

- Please inform the School Office if your child is unwell on the morning of the illness (email or phone message).
- Medication: avoid dosage in school if possible. Most 3x day dosages can be taken straight after school. Any prescribed or OTC medication brought in must be in the original packaging, in a named bag and handed in to the Office - **there is a form to complete.**
- **48 hours** is needed before returning to school following diarrhoea and/or vomiting.
- Term time absence, other than illness, is only authorised by the Head Teacher in exceptional circumstances - see Attendance Policy on the school website (currently being updated).

Asthma & Allergies

- Please do not send in nuts or nut products (including Nutella type spreads) as part of snacks or packed lunches - we have a number of children and staff with life-threatening allergies.
- Inhalers & spacers should be named and in a bag (for hygiene reasons). They are kept in a central place in class. **An asthma card must be completed.**
- Epi-pens should be in date, in a named container and handed to the School Office with the protocol.
- **It is the parent/carer's responsibility to ensure inhalers and auto-injectors are in date and in school.**

See our Medicines in School policy on the school website

Year 1 Essentials: Every Day

- Water bottles should be brought into school daily. Children can refill them in school as needed and must take them home to clean at the end of the day - **water only please**, *no squash, juice or fizzy drinks*.
- Clothing suitable for the weather and activities: coat (hats & gloves in winter) and sensible shoes for outdoor playtimes (especially for Forest School).
- Book bag: Reading book & Reading Record DAILY!



Year 1 Essentials: Every Day

Please **do not** bring in:

- Show and tell items unless requested as part of a project or home learning task.
- Pencil cases - all stationery is provided.
- Toys, *including collector cards*.
- Jewellery (small studs only for pierced ears).
- EY and KS1 have free fruit/veg snacks, no need to send in a snack for break time.
KS2 -no sugary snacks, fizzy drinks or sweets - healthier snacks for break time please .

Year 1 Essentials: Every Day

Morley PE Kit

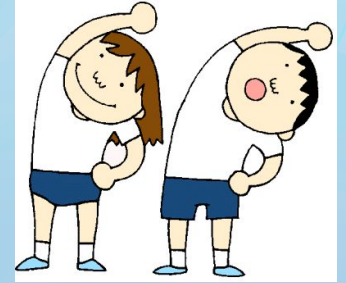
- NO Jewellery.
- White T-shirt
- Navy shorts and joggers and sweatshirt,
- Trainers or plimsolls.
- **ALL NAMED PLEASE**

- Please take home to wash regularly.

KS1 Year 1 Essentials: PE kits

Children in KS1 change for PE in class.

Our PE days are on: **Tuesday and Friday**



Long hair must be tied back, so come prepared with a hair band in kits.

Jewellery should not be worn in school.

Earrings - Children must be able to remove their earrings themselves, or cover with micropore tape (not masking tape) which you must provide.

Year 1 General



Letters and notices:

Most information will be via ParentMail.

Please sign up if you have not already done so.

Check the weekly newsletter for key information and the class page on the website for general year group information.

Birthdays:

No sweets please, if you want to send in something to share and celebrate, please consider something useful/enjoyable such as a small game book for the class. ***There is no requirement for this!***

What is different in Year 1?

Children work more at tables. They learn to take turns, work in pairs, groups and independently.

Children learn to stay focused on a task and how to set out their work neatly and clearly.

Children learn to ask and answer questions respectfully, listening to others and joining in politely.

Children are learning personal organisation skills e.g. keeping track of clothing, tying shoelaces, putting book-bags away, remembering the routines. These skills can also be practised at home!

Children learn positive behaviour showing respect and consideration towards peers, adults and school environment, taking responsibility for our own actions.

Year 1 Essentials: Helping at Home

At Morley Memorial Primary School we see home learning as an opportunity for children to practise skills, develop independence, consolidate and reinforce learning and as an avenue for children to pursue interests and be creative.

Home learning also provides unique opportunities for family learning and collaboration.

Please support your child to complete tasks in their own way in order that they develop our positive learning dispositions at home and at school:

Motivation Curiosity Courage

Collaboration Resilience Reflection

Year 1 Essentials: Helping at Home

We believe every child has the right to a childhood, opportunities to play and explore and time to develop their talents and interests. We therefore try to keep home learning to a level which allows an appropriate balance.



We will assign home learning where there will be benefits to children's learning rather than to fulfill an expectation of a particular number of hours a week. This approach we believe promotes effective home learning with activities which are meaningful and increase children's engagement and achievement.

Having said this, frequent (daily) reading and practice of number facts is crucial if children are to make good progress and develop key, basic skills.

Year 1 Essentials: Home Learning

In Year 1, our Home Learning tasks **will always include:**

- Regular (daily) reading – remember the Reading Record book!
- Practising phonic letter patterns
- Spelling of keywords for our year group
- Maths fluency practice

Year 1 Essentials: Home Learning

Home learning in KS1 **may also include** tasks such as:

- Writing short passages or finding out more about a topic
- Handwriting practice linked with learning in class
- Creating artefacts, models or artwork related to topics
- Learning a story using actions
- Consolidation and revision activities based on what has been learnt in class
- Outdoor learning activities

Google Classroom

Home Learning information and tasks are shared via Google Classroom.



In Year 1 Home learning will be shared on Friday.

Google Classroom provides great opportunities for collaborative learning and the sharing of online information.

In KS1 children are still learning about using IT and will need your time to supervise and support them to access online learning tasks. We will include instructions for adults as part of the GClassroom post, please ask if you need more information. Children are able to post comments. If you, as a parent or carer, need to contact the teacher please email the school office in the usual way.

Please see the e-safety information on our school website:

www.morley.cambs.sch.uk/e-safety-for-parents/

Thank you for all your support!

Home/school communication is key to children's success: when children know that all adults around them are working together with the same aims then they feel secure and are more likely to succeed.



- General questions?
- For individual queries please contact the office to make an appointment.

Finally - Links on the website:

- Link to this presentation (by the end of the week)
- Tips for reading
- Maths, Reading and Writing Age Related Expectations (Target Tracker)
- Year 1 high frequency words spelling list
- Penpals handwriting example
- Phonics for Year 1 (by the end of the week)
- Curriculum descriptors (termly)

THANK YOU!