

Year 1 parents meeting



September 2026

WELCOME!

We would like to welcome you all to Year 1 and we hope your children have settled in to the new school year.



The Y1 Team

Mrs Fisher and Miss Taylor Huby
Mrs Musto and Mrs P-J

PPA

Mrs Hadad Thursday 8.30 - 11 in 1F
Thursday 11- 3.10 - in 1 TH

A typical day

ELS Phonics

Literacy

Break

Maths

Lunch

Paired Reading

Mastering Number

Handwriting/Spelling

Other curriculum subjects

Phonics

In the summer Term last academic Year, we successfully launched a new phonics scheme at Dunalley – Essential Letters and Sounds. This is a whole class approach to phonics, led by the class teacher.

Fortunately, your children will already be familiar with the structure of each lesson so will already have a confident start to Year 1 Phonics.

ELS phonics parent workshops.

You will be invited to an ELS workshop with Mrs Steele our Phonics Lead on 25.9.26 at 2.45 – 3pm.

On 13.10.26 at 9am-9:30 am you are invite to a Phonics open morning to come and see how ELS is implemented within the classroom.

Reading homework

Your child will come home every Friday with an ELS weekly reader appropriate to their reading level alongside a reading record. They will also bring home a story time book from our Classroom library. These will be changed at the end of every week so please ensure all books are returned every Friday.

The expectation in Year 1 is that you hear your child read at least 3 times a week. Please sign their reading record when you have read with them.

ELS books and reading records need to be returned to school **daily** as the children have opportunities to read in school.

Who?

What?

How?

Where?

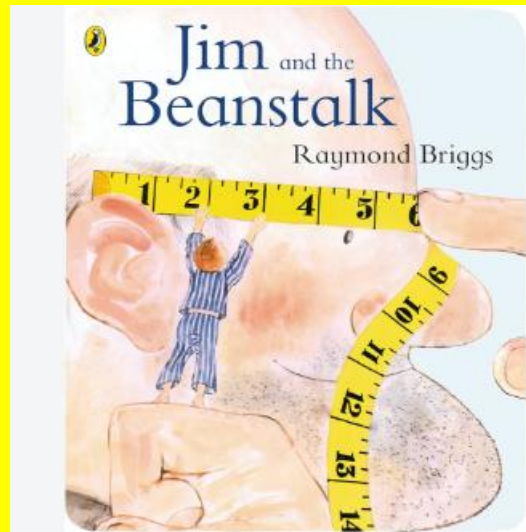
When?

Why?

Writing should be fun!

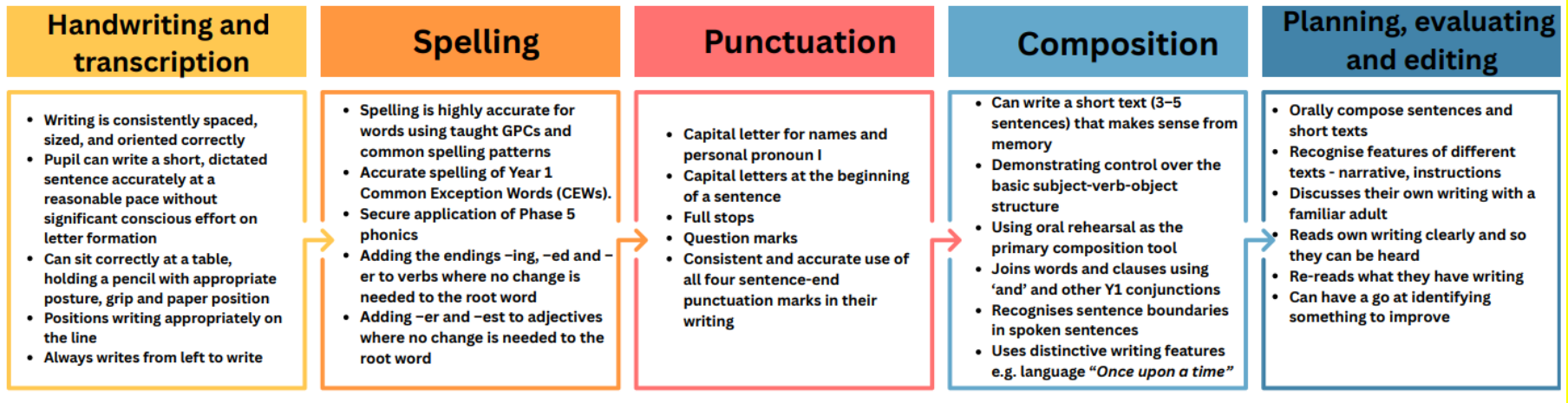
Writing will be taught around different texts
each term.

We are going to start this week with the story
Jim and the Beanstalk by Raymond Briggs.



Strong Foundations in writing.

Progression in writing skills: Year 1



Handwriting

Mastering the READY to Write Posture

A rhythmic checklist for preparing children physically for handwriting success.



Feet Flat

Stability for writing starts from the ground up.



Back Straight

Proper alignment prevents physical fatigue during writing tasks.



Paper Tilted

Adjust the page angle to suit the child's dominant hand.



Tripod Grip

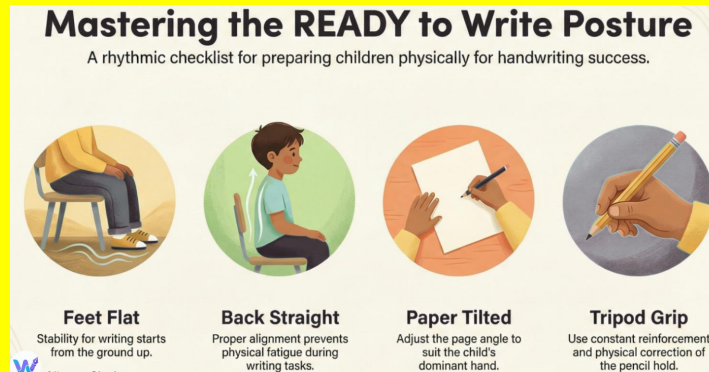
Use constant reinforcement and physical correction of the pencil hold.



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Handwriting lessons

- Handwriting will be taught at least 3 times a week.
- During these lessons the children will focus on their writing posture.



They will also focus on the correct formation of each letter.

We will provide you with a guide on each letter is formed.

Spelling

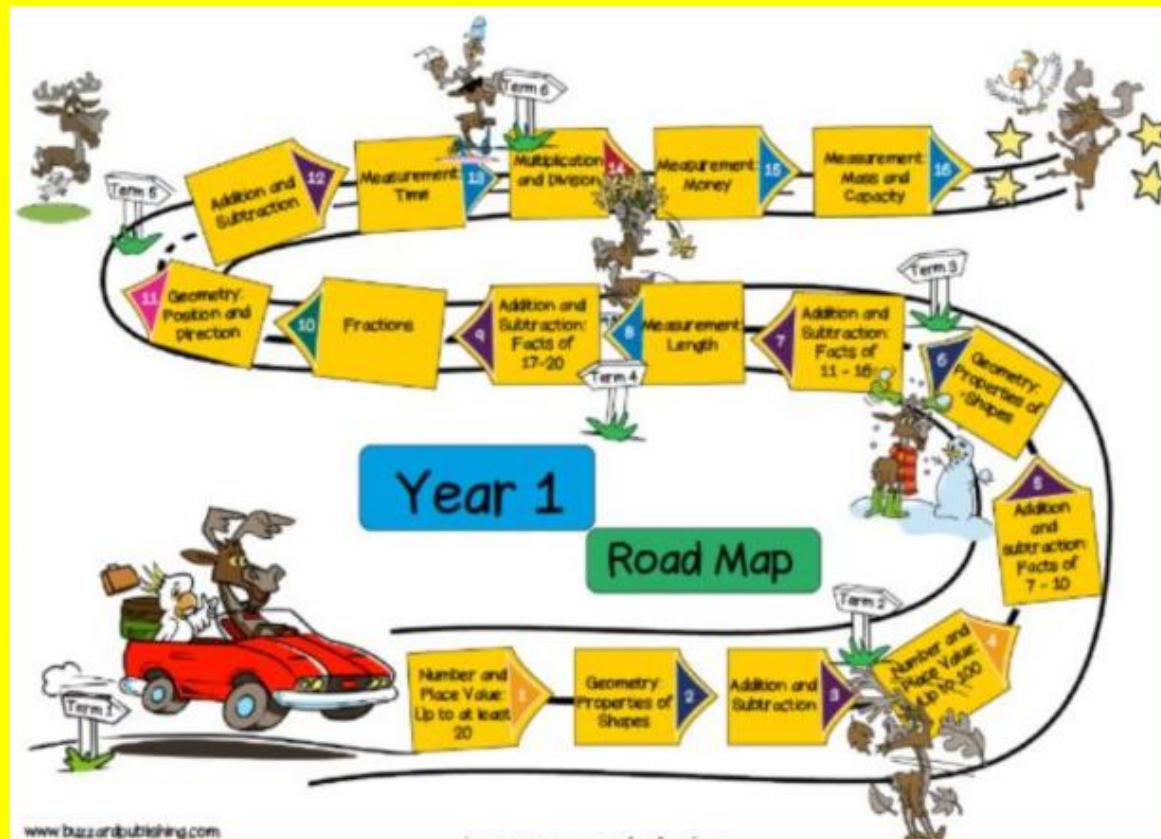
We will be introducing the Year 1 common exception spellings throughout the year . Your child might already be familiar with some of these spellings.

Year 1 Common Exception Words			
the	is	no	one
a	his	go	once
do	has	so	ask
to	I	by	friend
today	you	my	school
of	your	here	put
said	they	there	push
says	be	where	pull
are	he	love	full
were	me	come	house
was	she	some	our
	we		

Maths

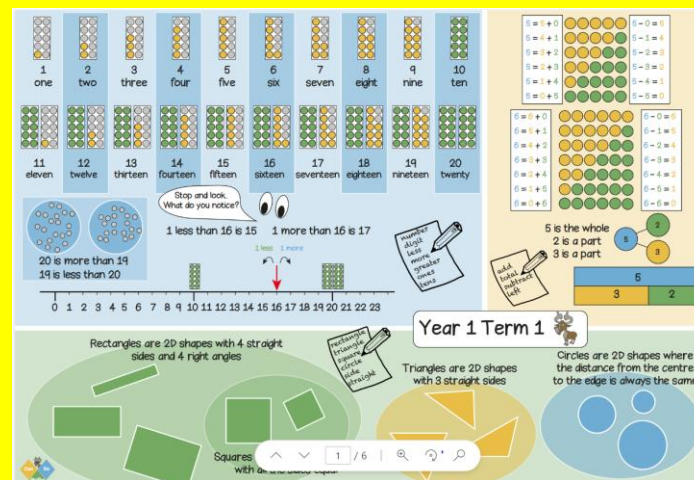
Throughout the Autumn term your child will be focussing on:

- Number and Place Value: Up to 20
- Geometry: Properties of Shapes
- Addition and Subtraction
- Number and Place Value: up to 100
- Addition and Subtraction: Facts of 7 - 11





- Your child's progress in maths will be monitored closely in class. They might bring home a sheet or activity to support their learning but we do not want this to be stressful for your child or you the adult!
- Your child will receive a login for Numbots. This is a fun programme that they can do at home.
- Your child will also bring home a knowledge organiser to explain what your child is learning in maths each half term.



P.E.

P.E is taught twice a week.



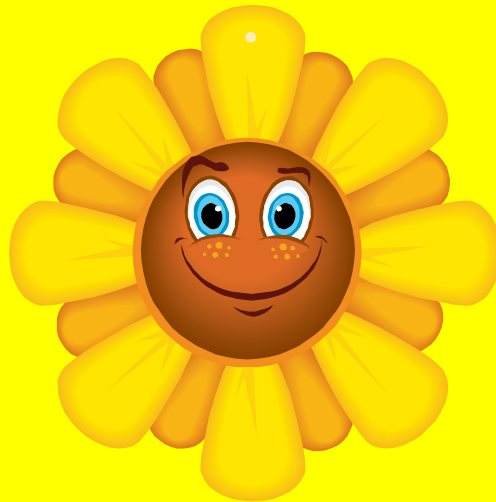
Foundation subjects

- **Autumn 1**
- **Geography** – Where I live. My home and the route to school.
- **Science** – Autumn – Seasonal change and Plants
- **Art** – Self and family portraits – George Seurat
- **PE** - Gymnastics / Ball skills
- **Computing** – Computing systems and networks – technology around us /Online safety
- **PSHE** - Relationships -Being Me in my World.
- **RE** - What do Christians believe God is like?
- **Autumn 2**
- **History** - The Gunpowder Plot and Guy Fawkes /
A Victorian Christmas
- **Science** - Materials
- **DT** – Mechanisms – sliders and levers
- **PE** - Fitness/ invasion
- **RE** – Why does Christmas matter to Christians and how do people celebrate it?
- **Computing** - Online safety – Project Evolve – Online relationships and online bullying
- **Music** –The Menu song
- **PSHE** – Celebrating differences

Other Gentle Reminders

- Named water bottle.
- Named pair of wellies.
- Named waterproof clothes for Opal play.
- Please name ALL clothing.
- Please inform either the class teacher or the office if your child is going to be collected by someone else.

Please do come and see
us if you have anything
that you'd like to talk
about.



Help!

- Are there any volunteers who would like to help in class by listening to readers?
- Please speak to your child's teacher.
Thank you.