

Toys in school

We ask the children **not** to bring in any toys unless invited to for topic purposes.

The School Day

School begins at 8.55 am. Please say "Goodbye" to your child in the playground to allow them to line up with their class. This helps to establish a calm and organised start to the day. Please be aware that lateness is officially noted in the register. Arriving after the morning bell is stressful for your child and disruptive for the rest of the class. If your child arrives after 9.00 am, you need to take him/her to the office and state lunch arrangements.

At the end of the school day, please wait in the playground for your child. For their safety, it is important that the teacher knows that your child has seen you. Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

Absences

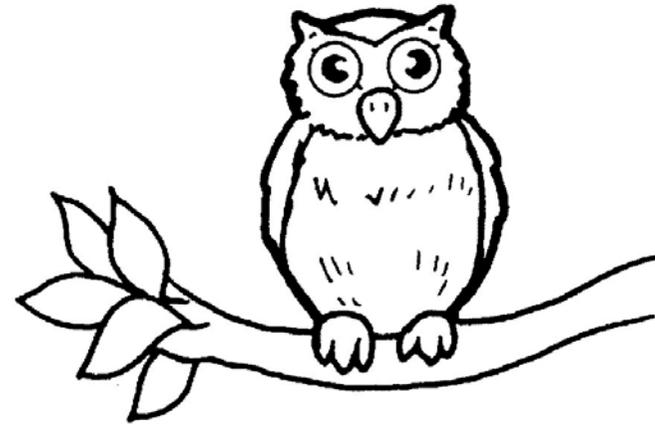
Please ring the School Office if your child is going to be absent or send a note of absence on their return. There are lots of opportunities for you to meet with your child's teacher to discuss progress but please don't hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions or queries, preferably at the end of the day.

We are really looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year working with you to help your child.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Phillips and Miss Lewis

Year 1 Booklet



2017-2018

Topics

Autumn: Everyday Materials; Traction Man
Spring: Sunny the Meerkat; Knight School
Summer: Living Things; Under the Sea

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! Our aim is to build on the progress your child has made in the Reception year and provide a smooth transition into Key Stage 1. As well as academic progress, the development of independent approaches to work, play and social activities will be an important part of his/her learning. We hope this booklet will give you useful information about Year 1.

At Queen Edith in Year 1 we encourage good behaviour in the following ways:

- Individual rewards for good effort, sensible behaviour (gold stars, stickers and certificates)
- Class rewards for collaborative effort (sunshines & certificates)

Reading and Writing

Your child will be heard to read during guided reading group sessions. They will also be heard to read individually by school adults and parent helpers. Book bags should be in school **every day**.

- We ask parents to comment on their child's home reading as this is really valuable feedback for teachers. Each reading record has information about which skills your child needs to master next attached to it. Please refer to these skills when commenting in the record book on your child's home reading.
- We recommend that your child reads every day, because frequent short sessions are the most beneficial. 10 minutes is enough.
- Please read to your child as much as you can too – this develops their vocabulary, imagination and confidence to talk about their reading.

Homework

Your child's learning doesn't just happen at school and homework allows them to practise the skills they have been learning at school. Your child will be required to complete their reading, a short maths activity and weekly spellings at home. From time to time, we may send a fun, topic-based activity to share with your child at home.

PPA teachers

This year, PPA cover for Year 1 teachers is on a Tuesday (1st half term afternoons; 2nd half term mornings). Mrs Lockhart is teaching 1.1 and Mrs Bharadwa is teaching 1.2 at those times.

PE Lessons

Both classes have PE lessons on Mondays. 1.1 has PE on Wednesdays and 1.2 on Thursdays.

Children will need a PE kit (black shorts, white T-shirt and suitable running shoes). All PE kit should be named and have a suitable bag to hang on their pegs. Please ensure your child's PE kit stays in school during the week as PE lessons can change days.

Clothes, Indoor shoes, Lost Property

It is expected that your child will wear school uniform. Please name **all** clothes and shoes. Changing for PE is the time when items can get lost. There is a lost property box in each cloakroom if you need to look for items.

Your child **must** have a pair of indoor shoes, which are kept in the cloakroom. Please try to avoid buying shoes with laces or buckles unless your child can do them up by themselves.

Water Bottles

Each child will need a named water bottle in school. These should come to school and then back home every day. They can refill them during the day from the water filter machine in the corridor. **No juice please.**

Parent Helpers are most welcome!

If you can spare any time and would like to join us in school to help in any way, please let us know – we would love to have you and really value your help (regularly or on an ad hoc basis). There are several visits out this year and offers to help are gratefully received. These outings are always good fun. If you think you'd like to help at any point you will need to have had a safeguarding check. Please ask at the school office to have this check completed.

Birthdays

We like to celebrate birthdays at school. If you wish to bring in treats for your child to share with their friends on their special day, individually wrapped items are easier for them to hand out. This also allows parents to check the contents of the item, as some children have allergies. We also have a number of vegetarian children so please be aware that some sweets contain gelatine. Please ensure any food sent in to school does NOT contain nuts as some children are allergic.