

Moving into Year 1 At Repton Manor



For September 2022

Information for Parents/Carers

Dear Parents/Carers,

This booklet has been put together to give you helpful information about your child moving into Year 1.

We hope you find the information useful.

We look forward to working with you over the coming year.

The Year 1 team

Who will be teaching and caring for my child in Year 1?

Our dedicated team for Year 1 consists of -

Florence Nightingale Class Teacher- Miss King

Florence Nightingale Teaching Assistants- Mr Atkins and Mrs Gurung

Mary Seacole Class Teachers- Mrs Fisher and Mrs Jakeman

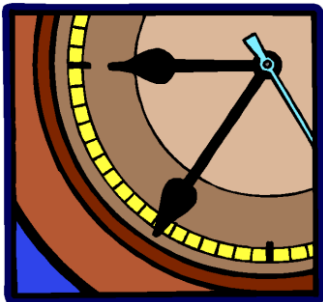
Mary Seacole Teaching Assistants- Mrs Hughes and Mrs Gurung

When will my child go back to school?

Now that the children are moving into Year 1, they will start on the same day as the rest of the school.

With this in mind, our plan for the Autumn Term is as follows –

Friday 2nd September - School open: all children begin in Year 1.

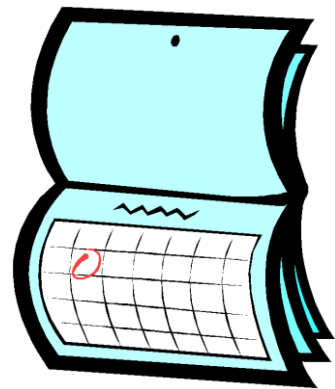


Gates open at: 8.40am

Day starts: 8:50am

Home time: 3.00pm- Children should be collected from their classrooms.

Please make a line outside their classroom door for collection.





Where do I take my child on their first day in Year 1?

Both of the Year 1 classrooms are situated next to the main playground. There will always be an adult from Year 1 to welcome your child into the classroom with a smile! The other adults will support your child to put their belongings away and to settle them in the classroom.

How important is my child's attendance?

Very Important! Just like in Year R we encourage a high level of attendance and punctuality at Repton Manor. Children need to attend school every day unless they are ill. Children who attend every day and arrive on time do better than those who have low attendance and poor punctuality.

If your child is absent for reasons of sickness, please let the school office know promptly by telephone on the day they are off sick. We are required to keep records of all absences.

We need to inform parents/carers that there is now a system in place that issues fines for non-attendance.

Please only take your child to the office if...

- **Your child is late** - please call in to the office to book a lunch and let us know why your child is late.
- **You are collecting your child early for an appointment** - please call into the office and your child will be collected from class. We will ask for an appointment letter.

What is the school uniform?

We aim to foster a feeling of community at Repton Manor. Therefore, just like in Year R we believe that both staff and pupils should dress appropriately for the activities they are undertaking. We believe when uniform is smart, it gives the school an identity and it gives our children a sense of belonging.

The dress code for Year 1 is the same as in Year R. Please make sure they have appropriate clothing for the weather, including coats in cold and rain and caps/hats in the summer.

We ask parents to please name all items of clothing so that we can return lost property easily.



Dress Code

We ask parents send their children to school wearing:

- Suitable shoes – black school shoes that they can take on and off independently. Please avoid heels, open toes and trainers.
- School uniform includes a red jumper or red cardigan, white polo shirt, trousers/ shorts/ skirt in black/dark grey.
- Children with long hair should have it tied back and please no jewellery unless it is for religious reasons.

Active Learning

Please be aware that in Year 1 we continue to offer a practical, play based, approach to learning, so there are times that we do get messy! Your child's clothing needs to fit and be easy for them to remove and put back on by themselves.

Your children will need to bring outdoor shoes (trainers or wellies) that will be kept in the lockers outside the classrooms to use for Opal play and outdoor learning sessions.



What changes are there at lunchtimes?

When the children are in Year 1 they eat their lunch from 11:45. Once they have finished their lunch, they will be able to have playtime outside until 12:45.

Cooked school meals

Currently all children in Yr R- Yr 2 are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals.

Free school meals are available to some children beyond Key Stage One according to family income. Even though your child is entitled to UIFSM, please still apply for Free School Meals if you are entitled as this will benefit your child in many additional ways, for example, your child may be able to receive additional support, subsidised trips, access to extended school activities, etc.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals#tab-1>

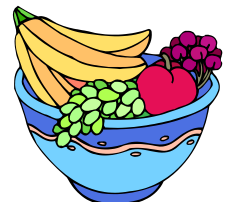
Packed lunches

Children having a packed lunch are encouraged to bring a healthy lunch box. Please do not include sweets and chocolate or energy/fizzy drinks. The amount you put in your child's lunch box should be what they would usually eat for a sandwich type lunch. Please name your child's lunchbox! There is a special trolley that the children can keep their lunchboxes on during the day.



Do children have snack time?

The government provides Year 1 and Year 2 with free fruit each day for children to have a snack. They will eat this snack at playtime.



Do Year 1 children have playtimes like the rest of the school?

Now that the children are in Year 1 they will have a set playtime with the rest of the school at 10:30-10:45.



Once they are in Year 1, does everything change? Do they start formal learning now?

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. Both the Foundation Stage Team and the Year 1 team continue to work very closely and Miss Iles oversees both year groups.

The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day, and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners. The children will still explore through their play and have child initiated opportunities (Explore and Discover time). Over the past year we have also developed our courtyards to offer the children outdoor learning experiences including water, sand, construction, small world play and gardening.

Typical Year 1 day:

8:50-9am: Early morning work (an activity to settle the children) and registration

9am-9:40 Mathematics or Storytelling lessons

9:40-10:30am Read Write Inc. (phonics)

10:15-10:30am Break time

10:45-11:45am Explore and Discover time

11:45-12:45pm Lunchtime

12:45pm-1:15pm Registration and Topic (This is where we cover our foundation subjects including History, PSHE, Geography, Science, ICT, RE, PE, Music, Art and DT.)

1:15-2:15pm Explore and Discover time

2:15- 2:45pm Squiggle time/ Computing/ Library/ Music/ spellings etc (the activity completed at this time will depend on the day of the week.)

2:45-2:55pm Children get their things ready and listen to a story before home time

3pm Children go home

The children will also have PE lessons twice a week. PE days will be confirmed and communicated shortly.

What do I have to do to help my child learn? Do they do homework?

We believe that successful learning comes from the school and families working together. Please continue to do things like.... talk with your child, read stories to them, get out and about and be active, encourage independence....all the things you already do.

We will keep you fully informed about what your child is doing and what we need you to do at home through our termly newsletters.

READING Just as in reception, your child will have a reading book and a reading record. Please read with your child every night and record this in their reading record. In Year 1 the children will still visit the library once a week and you can also share this book at home. The children will receive 2 books on a Monday and they will be due back in on a Friday. They will learn to put their book in the reading book box so that the teaching assistants can check them each day.

SPELLINGS Your child will begin to use Spelling Shed to practise for weekly spelling tests. You will find your child's login details in the front of their Reading Record. Weekly spelling tests in school will begin in term 2 but your child can begin practising spellings set from September on Spelling Shed.

MATHS Your child will not have set maths learning but your child has been provided with Numbots details for them to have a go at questions and games if you wish. You will find your child's login details in the front of their Reading Record. In term 3 (after the Christmas holidays), your child will begin completing weekly number bond quizzes in school which you may like to practise at home. More details about this will be provided nearer the time.

TOPIC Like in Reception, your child will get termly topic home learning tasks to complete. Please complete at least one of the tasks set. We will share the tasks completed with the class at the end of the term.

CHILDREN'S PROGRESS You will have regular opportunities to discuss your child's progress through termly parent's meetings and a written report in the Winter, Spring and Summer Term.

We will continue to encourage you to tell us about the things your child is doing at home that shows their learning and progress.

We follow the school ethos of children receiving praise, rewards and House Points for excellent learning and behaviour. Each day one child will also be selected as our Class Hero and they will receive a certificate from Mrs Chambers or Mr Page to take home.

Every Thursday, one child from each class is celebrated as Star of the Week in assembly. We will begin attending this assembly with the rest of the school in term 2.

I'm a bit worried about my child starting in Year 1 ...

Don't worry! We are here to make sure your child gets the best transition. We're good at what we do and our aim is to meet the needs of every child.

If there is anything that you need to ask that is not covered in this booklet, then please make a note of your questions and talk to a member of the Year One team at any time.

Parent Information Evening – Friday 9th September at 3.15 in Florence Nightingale class.

This will cover information on phonics, writing and number activities. It will also include the day to day routine of Year 1 and how to support your child with their home learning.

