



KINDERGARTEN 1

Kindergarten One is the pre-reception class catering for children in the three to four year age group. The education provided in KG1 aims not only to meet all the Early Years Foundation Stage criteria but to take learning in all areas beyond these boundaries.

AREAS OF LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive Arts and Design

The staff in KG1 recognise how important it is for young children to have good quality learning opportunities. The curriculum and activities are carefully planned and differentiated to ensure each individual child achieves their potential.

Each half term a chosen theme provides that starting point for discovery and learning, the children are encouraged to share previous experiences and to build on these.

Throughout the Foundation Stage strong emphasis is placed on acquiring literacy and numeracy skills with most children showing an awareness of the mechanics of reading and beginning to read. The reading scheme is Oxford Reading Tree based, with other schemes such as Ginn and Spiral starters providing invaluable extended reading practice.

KG1 is a lively, vibrant and colourful classroom where the children are always busy working and playing. Each day there will be a number of adult directed activities taking place, alongside which, the children have the opportunity to learn through free play, imaginative play and structured play where staff set the learning objective.

By providing a calm, caring and happy learning environment, where the development of social and personal skills are nurtured alongside academic ability, we ensure that each child will move on in their education with confidence and a desire to learn.



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KG1 PARENTS NOTES

The classroom is open to children from 8.30am and registration takes place at 8.35am.

Breakfast club is available in the hall from 8.00am until 8.30am when a member of staff will then bring the children into the KG1 classroom.

Children are dismissed at 3.00pm and parents should come into the KG1 cloakroom to collect children.

Children will be taken into aftercare at 3.15pm, which is available until 5.45pm. A charge will be made for this service. Children attending aftercare should be picked up from the school hall.

UNIFORM

Winter uniform is worn from September to March/ April.

Summer uniform is worn March/ April to the end of the summer term in July.

Please ensure that your child wears a school coat every day as the children will be encouraged to play out every day.

Thursday is KG1's P.E. day. The children wear their P.E. kit and trainers on Thursdays and Fridays. Please avoid laces in trainers and school shoes.

All uniform must be named.

Please hang pump bags on named pegs, the pump bag should contain a clean change of underwear and socks and a black pair of school pumps.

HOMEWORK

Homework in KG1 consists of the learning of key words and reading to a parent or carer. Please encourage understanding of the text by asking simple questions.

All crayons, felt tips etc. will be supplied so children do not need to bring a pencil case.



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SUMMARY OF LEARNING AREAS

Maths

- Colour and Shape recognition
- Sorting
- Matching
- Copying patterns/sequence
- Number recognition/order e.g. 1→10, 11→20

English

- Writing e.g. name, simple sentences
- Reading e.g. picture cards, flash cards, reading scheme books, big books, poems and nursery rhymes

Understanding of the World e.g. Science, Technology, History, Geography

- Our school
- Health and hygiene
- Social skills e.g. caring and co-operation
- Seasons
- Nature
- Ourselves
- Families
- Occupations

Events and Celebrations

- Harvest
- Hallowe'en
- Diwali
- Christmas
- Mother's Day
to name a few

Art and Craft, using a variety of materials such as:

- Paint
- Wax/pencil crayons
- Sand
- Glitter
- Fabric
- Natural resources e.g. dried flowers



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Music and Movement

- Speed and direction
- Body shape and level
- Response to a variety of music, poems, emotions
- Working individually or as part of a group
- Playing a variety of instruments

Learning through play

- House corner
- Construction toys
- Water/sand
- Jigsaws
- Literacy Area
- Small world toys such as the farm, train set, fire station, dolls house to name but a few