
Eynsham Community Primary School

Everyone Soaring to Success

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Welcome to Year 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

What your child will be learning this term:

This term in Year 1, we will be learning about the Lost Railway of Eynsham! During our topic, we will be looking at different types of transport and importantly different types of trains through the ages. We will explore why the railway was so important for Eynsham and visit the model railway in the Bartholomew Room. We will also be going to Cutteslowe Park to ride the Miniature Railway and learn how trains and railways work. For our children to thrive at Eynsham, we believe that History and Geography should be closely linked, therefore, we will also be looking at different maps of Eynsham during our topic and thinking about where the Railway was in relation to our homes and school. We will also be looking for Witney on the map and learning about the Blanket Trade in relation to transport.



Ways you can support your child's learning at home:

Reading – We encourage the children to read at home at least three times a week to supplement their phonics learning and encourage them to continue to practise segmenting and blending. We ask that you kindly make a quick note of when your child reads at home so we can keep a log of this, and we will do the same when we read with them in school. When you log their reading 3 times, they will receive a house point. The children will flourish in Year 1 with their reading, and they will make lots of progress. We encourage children to read the same book 3 times to become fluent and aid comprehension, so that they understand what they are reading. We will check reading record books every Monday and Thursday and change the children's reading books when we think they're ready to progress onto the next book and/or level. However, do let us know, by catching us at the door or writing a comment in their journal, if you think your child's book needs changing sooner. We want to be able to hear your children read as regularly as possible so, please ensure your child's reading book and diary are in school each day and the diary is kept up to date with reading responses.

Homework – For homework in year 1, the expectation is that children will access a Numbots account that has been made for them. We encourage them to do this as often as they like. The children will bring home their log ins for you to use on this account. As part of their homework, it is also essential that children read at least 3 times a week.

Uniform:

Please see the uniform list below for what is expected;

Uniform List

Navy blue crew neck sweatshirt (purchased from PMG Schoolwear) or plain
Navy blue V necked cardigan, (purchased from PMG Schoolwear) or plain
White or navy polo shirt, (purchased from PMG Schoolwear) or plain
Grey school trousers or shorts,
Grey school skirt or pinafore dress,
Dark Navy gingham checked cotton summer dress,

Grey or navy tights, grey socks, Black school shoes, no training shoes.
Coat of your choice.

PE kits:

All children will need a NAMED sports kit suitable for outdoor PE this term. P.E. kit should come to school with your child on Monday ready for the week ahead and should be taken home to be washed at the weekend. Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery during PE lessons. Children with long hair must have it tied back. Please see the list below of the PE kit required. **Our PE days are Monday and Friday.**

PE Kit list

Navy logo PE shirt (purchased from PMG Schoolwear) – plain navy t-shirt if you prefer,
Navy logo hoodie (purchased from PMG Schoolwear) – plain navy hoodie if you prefer, Navy shorts,
Navy jogging bottoms, Training shoes.

Water bottles and snacks:

Children need a named water bottle in school each day. This needs to be taken home to be washed out and refilled. Year 1 and 2 are provided with a piece of free fruit or vegetable at break time every day but if you would like to provide a snack for your child, please ensure it is a piece of fruit or vegetable.

Important dates for your diary:

Wednesday 2 nd September:	Term 1 commences
Thursday 10 th September	Year 1 and 2 Parent Information Session: 2:30pm
Wednesday 23 rd September:	Year 1 Trip to Cutteslowe Park
Friday 9 th October:	World Mental Health Day
Monday 19 th and	
Tuesday 20 th October:	Year 1 Eynsham Museum
Friday 23 rd October:	Last day of half term

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October: Half Term

Monday 2 nd November:	INSET Day 2
Tuesday 3 rd November:	Term 2 commences
Monday 16 th November:	Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 10 th November:	Parents' Evening: 3:30-6:30pm
Wednesday 11 th November:	Parents' Evening: 3:30-6:30pm
Friday 13 th November:	Children in Need
Monday 16 th November –	
Friday 20 th November:	Road-Safety week
Wednesday 18 th November:	KS1 & KS2 Parents information session: No Outsiders
Thursday 26 th November:	FS & Y1 Phonics Cheese and Wine Evening
Friday 27 th November:	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 8 th December:	KS1 Performance: 1.15pm (Babies and toddlers welcome) KS1 Performance: 6pm (Adults only)
Wednesday 9 th December:	KS1 Performance: 6pm (Adults only)
Friday 11 th December:	Parents open afternoon beginning at 2:45pm with mince pies and mulled wine
Friday 18 th December:	End of Term (Finish at 1:15pm)

If you have any questions or concerns, please do come in and let us know. We are looking forward to working with you and your children this year.

Thank you,
Mrs Maton and Mr Wilson.