

Year One

Meet the Teachers 2025



Miss Verlander
Chestnut Teacher



Miss Jones
Beech Teacher

Transition from EYFS to Year One

- Focus on settling in, behaviour and getting to know each other
- Continuous provision opportunities throughout the day
- Fluidity into the outdoor classroom
- Forest School



P.E.

- Indoor P.E. is on a Wednesday
- Outdoor P.E. is on a Thursday
- Children need their named P.E. kit
- No earrings for P.E. lessons. Please remove them at home or ensure your child can remove them themselves.



Forest School

Every Wednesday Year 1 pupils will be taking part in outdoor learning in our Forest School.

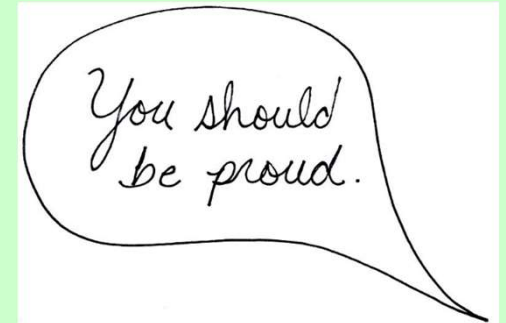
Why we love Forest School:

- Improved mental health and wellbeing
- Fresh air and space to explore
- It promotes self-esteem
- Creativity is nurtured
- Supported risk-taking leads to greater independence



Behaviour

- Verbal praise
- Star of the week
- Praise notes
- Headteacher awards
- Stickers
- Marbles
- Class reward jar



A typical day in Year One

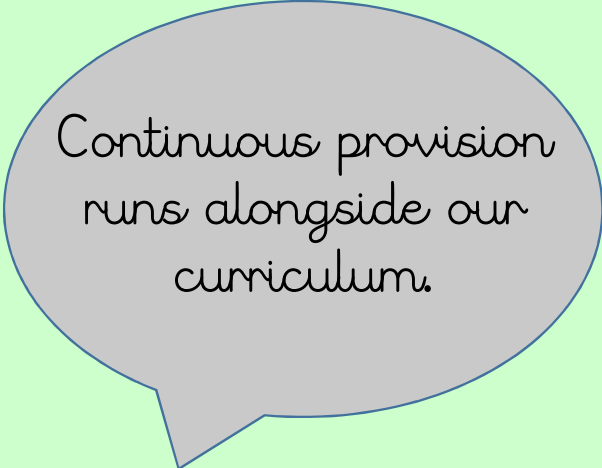
- Early morning SODA work
- Collective Worship (Assembly)
- English

Break time at 10.20am

- RWI
- Maths

Lunch time at 12pm

- Foundation subject
(science, R.E. geography, P.E. history, P.S.H.E. computing, music)
- Reading
- Home Time



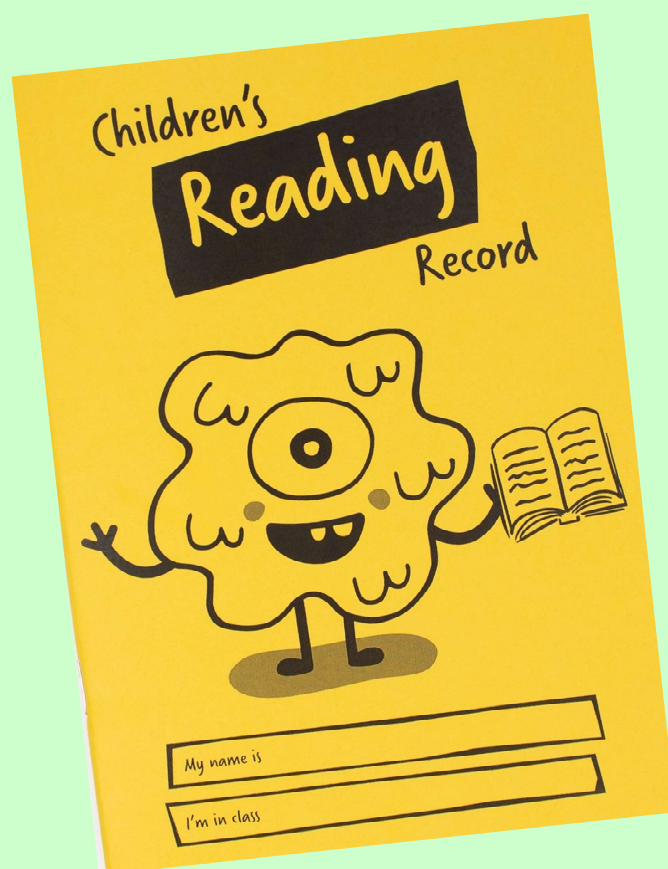
Continuous provision
runs alongside our
curriculum.

Reading

- All reading levels were thoroughly assessed during the Summer term in EYFS
- The children have been grouped and have daily RWI phonics sessions, to match their ability



Reading at home



Home reading expectations.

Books your child will be bringing home:

- One Read, Write, Inc. book that the children have practised reading in school.
 - One Read, Write, Inc. book that the children have not read before.
 - One 'book bag' book for you to read and your child to enjoy.
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- Children should read at home everyday.
 - An adult should record the title of the book, pages read with a short comment and signature.
 - A list of statutory spelling words for Year 1 are on our school website - can your child spot any of these words in their reading book?
 - If you have any questions about reading expectations within school, please come and see your child's teacher.

Reading buddies

- Year 1 pupils will have reading buddies and they will be the same ones they had last year!
- Our first reading buddy session is next week



Handwriting

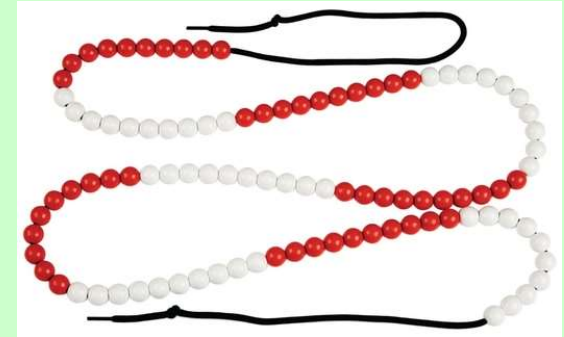
- We write in a cursive style.
- This will increase fluency and improve presentation.
- www.letterjoin.co.uk
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Maths

Maths is taught practically using a variety of apparatus.

- Number recognition and formation
- Deep understanding of numbers to 100
- Ordering numbers (out of context)
- Counting to 100 and beyond
- Adding and subtracting
- Number bonds (ways to make 10, and then 20)
- Odd and evens
- Doubles and sharing (fractions)
- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s



Time to Talk

Every child will have the opportunity to share something that is special or important to them, with their class. This could be a photo, certificate, object (no valuables please).

We will let you know in advance when it is your child's time to talk. Please rehearse at home, so that children feel confident to speak aloud to their class.



Our topics



- Superheroes
- Dinosaurs
- The Great Fire of London
- Deep in the Jungle
- Moon Zoom
- Explorers



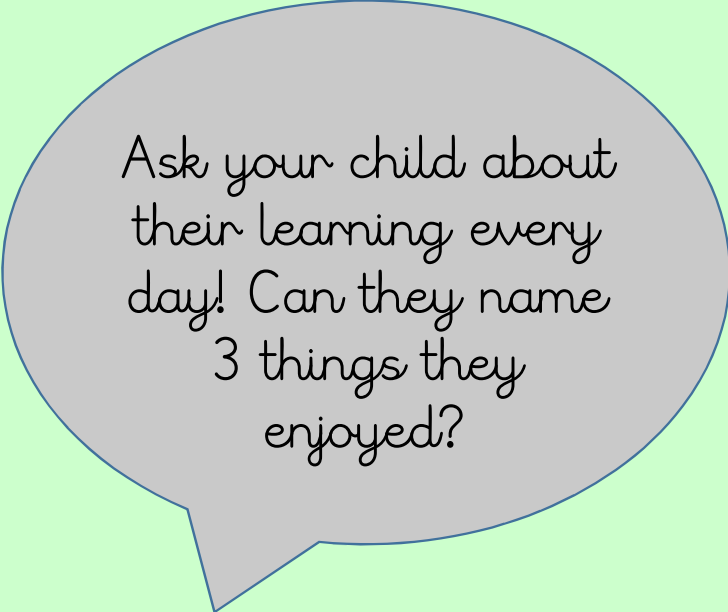
Enrichment

- Pantomime (in school)
- The Great Fire of London Day
- Wonderdome
- Author visits
- Sports trip
- Curriculum themed days



How to help at home

- Children should read at home on a daily basis
- Encourage your child to take part in the weekly reading raffle
- Letter formation- cursive!
- Practise number formation and then move on to writing numbers in words
- Topic homework every half term
- Purple Mash and Numbots



Ask your child about their learning every day! Can they name 3 things they enjoyed?

What needs to come to school daily:

- Water bottle
- Reading record
- Reading books

- Please avoid backpacks so that our cloakrooms don't look like this...



Other information

- Please check your parent mail regularly as important messages are sent this way.
- Keep up to date with information shared on our school website and the weekly newsletters.
- Toys and special belongings should not come into school.
- Correct uniform must be worn; no hoop earrings, and hairbands must be functional and discrete in school colours.

Visit our school website:
www.elsenham.essex.sch.uk

Send Email:
send@elsenham.essex.sch.uk

Thank you for coming!

We look forward to working alongside you,
and are excited for a fantastic year with
your lovely children.