

Meet the teachers

Honeybees



Meet the Year 1 team!

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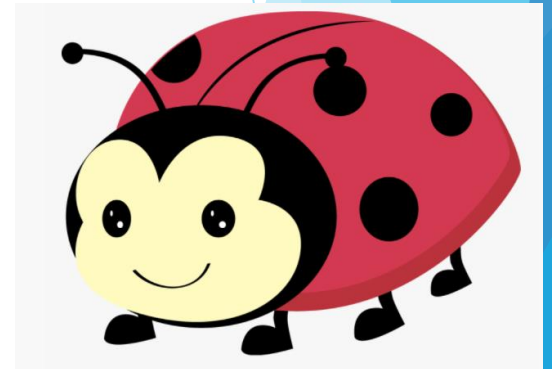
- ▶ Mrs Horton (Monday to Wednesday)
- ▶ Miss Akehurst (Thursday/Friday)

Ladybirds

- ▶ Miss Fox (Monday/Tuesday)
- ▶ Miss Morling (Wednesday to Friday)

PPA - Wednesday Afternoon - Honeybees - Mrs Garvey

Ladybirds - Mrs Lochwood (Woodland Activities)



How are we bridging the gap between Early Years and Year 1?

- ▶ Through the transition meetings with the Early Years Team we have spoken in detail about each child's strengths and areas for development.
- ▶ We start teaching from the child's starting point. We know that each child has different starting points and so our expectations are individualised to support each child. For example some children are focusing on forming their letters clearly whilst others who have secured that skill are developing their consistency of use of capital letters and full stops.
- ▶ The children are exposed to a balance of more formal teaching and are also given opportunities to develop their understanding through play.
- ▶ Google Classroom - weekly updates and photos will be posted to share our learning with you.

What does a typical day look like for my child?

- ▶ Focused Activities such as reading, fine motor, handwriting, subitizing etc
- ▶ Phonics - ELS scheme, taught daily with additional phonics interventions as necessary
- ▶ Maths - practical or recorded in Maths books
- ▶ English - Drawing Club
- ▶ Listening to stories
- ▶ Developing skills through practical activities
- ▶ Over the week they will also engage in PE, Art, R.E, History, Science, 1:1 reading.
- ▶ Some subject areas are block taught and they will be taught at different times in the year.

Autumn Term 1

Autumn 1- What's in the Box?

This term has a science and history focus.

<u>Stunning Start</u> Children will be taking part in a scavenger hunt to find the toys that have escaped our classrooms. <u>Fabulous Finish</u> Show and Tell our favourite toys. Children are invited to bring in their favourite toy from home to talk to the class about. Thursday 23rd October.	<u>Science</u> - We will be distinguishing between an object and the material it is made of. - We will be identifying and naming everyday materials - Grouping objects by their properties <u>DT</u> - Learning about Ole Kirk Christiansen, the inventor of LEGO.	<u>History</u> - Sorting events into the past, present and future - Understanding and using a timeline - Developing questioning skills - Understanding how events happen chronologically and how to track these on a time line. - Learning to use the key vocabulary of past, present and future.
<u>English</u> Through Drawing Club we will be exploring the a range of texts including 'Traction Man, Old Bear and Naughty <u>Bus</u>' - Letter formation - Full stops - Capital letters - for the start of sentences and names - Finger spaces between words 	  Year 1 Autumn Term 1 2025 'What's in the Box?' Toys	<u>Maths</u> - Counting - Comparing amounts - Ordering numbers - Using number lines - Number formation - Part whole model - Addition and fact families
<u>Religious Education</u> To learn about and re-tell the Christian Creation story and to explore how this influences how Christians behave towards nature and the environment.	<u>Physical Education</u> <u>Honeybee Class</u> Children to wear their PE kit to school every Tuesday and Friday <u>Ladybird Class</u> Children to wear their PE kit to school every Tuesday. Children to wear Outdoor clothing to school every Wednesday for Woodland Activities. Please bring a spare pair of shoes to wear inside.	<u>Art</u> To develop sketching and shading skills through creating line drawing. We will be looking at Leonardo Da Vinci's work to inspire our own artwork.

What's Coming Up?

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Fabulous Finish - Toy Show and Tell - 23rd October Parents or grandparents invited in to speak to the children about the toys they played with when younger. Week beginning 13th or 20th October. Please speak to class teacher if you or a grandparent are able to come in for 15/20 mins. Trip to Tonbridge Castle (AUTUMN 2) date TBC - parent helpers will be needed	Dinosaur and fossil workshop date TBC Spring 2 - Stories Parents invited to come and read us their favourite story at home time.	East Grinstead Museum visit (June) Walk around East Grinstead - date TBC - Parent helpers will be needed

Phonics

- ▶ Phonological understanding is vital in supporting children's ability to read and write.
- ▶ Following on from Early Years we are continuing with the ELS Phonics scheme and sound cards will continue to come home weekly.
- ▶ We will undertake a phonics assessment with each child to identify which sounds from Early Years that they are still not secure with.
- ▶ We have an explicit phonics lesson every day where we recap previous sounds and introduce new sounds.
- ▶ We identify our sounds in as many aspects of our learning as possible. For example when learning new vocabulary in maths, we identify sounds that we have learnt e.g. 10's frame (a-e)
- ▶ **Children will continue to bring home sound cards with the sounds we have learnt during the week.**

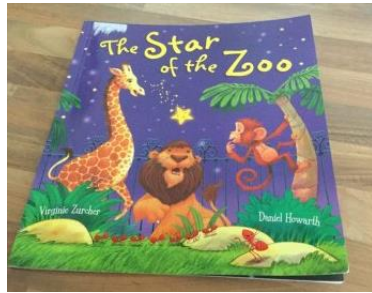
Reading

- ▶ We aim to read with each child every week 1:1. We track their progress with every read, identifying any sounds that they stumble across and making that a focus for the individual child.
- ▶ The children will come home with a new decodable book, a book they have chosen themselves and a yellow reading record for you to record when they have read at home. Please keep ensure these come into school everyday so we can record when we have read with your child.
- ▶ You will keep both books for the week. Research indicates that children's reading improves by being exposed to the same text more than once. By spending each read of the same text focusing on a different aspect of reading the children will gain confidence. Read for interest, fluency, identifying features, prediction making, identifying similarities and differences between texts.
- ▶ Reading books and diaries need to be returned every **Thursday** and new reading books will be given on a Friday each week.

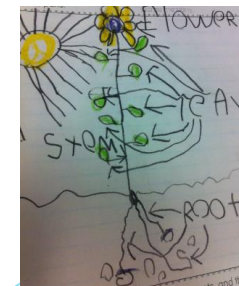
Maths

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Autumn	Number Place value (within 10)					Number Addition and subtraction (within 10)					Geometry Shape	Consolidation
Spring	Number Place value (within 20)		Number Addition and subtraction (within 20)			Number Place value (within 50)		Measurement Length and height		Measurement Mass and volume		
Summer	Number Multiplication and division			Number Fractions		Geometry Position and direction	Number Place value (within 100)		Measurement Money	Measurement Time		Consolidation

What can I do with my child at home to support?

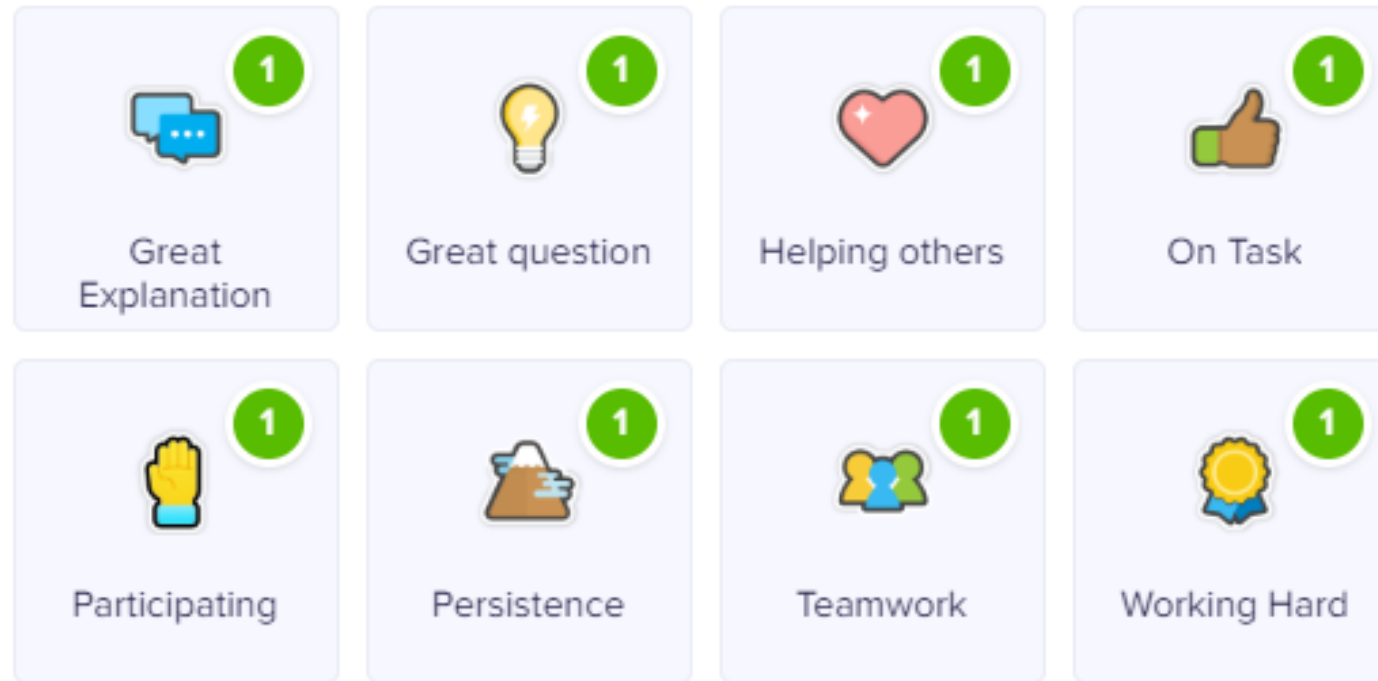


- ▶ Reading daily
- ▶ Practice and recap phonics sounds
- ▶ Playing games that encourage sharing and turn taking
- ▶ Counting
- ▶ Number and letter recognition and formation
- ▶ Practicing writing- letters, postcards, labelling pictures that they draw, writing the shopping list





ClassDojo



Your child will gain Dojo's throughout the week. We have class targets for when the children as a group reach a specified amount e.g. 500 dojos, 1000 dojos etc

Communication

- ▶ You can speak to the teacher at the end of the day once **all** the children have been released.
- ▶ You can e-mail or call the office and request a call back.
- ▶ You can send a note in with your child if appropriate.
- ▶ You can leave a message with the teachers on the door in the mornings.
- ▶ If your child is being collected by someone different, please let either the office or the adult on the door know. We will not dismiss your child to someone different if we have not been made aware.

Snack

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple	Tomato	Satsuma	Banana	Carrot

From 29th Sept - Half Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pear	Apple	Satsuma	Banana	Carrot

Lunch Playtimes

At Blackwell we want all children to have a safe and happy playtime. The entire staff took part in training to learn new playground games that they will be teaching your children over the coming weeks.

The staff are now eager to share this training with the children during lunchtime play. Throughout these sessions, games will be played on the playground that the children can choose to join with; there will be a dedicated adult supporting and guiding the children. Each week there will be a theme for the games.

Sports Crew (Y5/6) will be out on the playground running games and activities.

Important dates

Library Slot

Every **Friday** – Please send your child's book in on Thursday for them to change it

PE

Tuesday and Friday – Please send your child into school in their PE kits

Parents evening

These will be held on the last week before half term- Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th of October. More details will follow closer to the time.

Half term

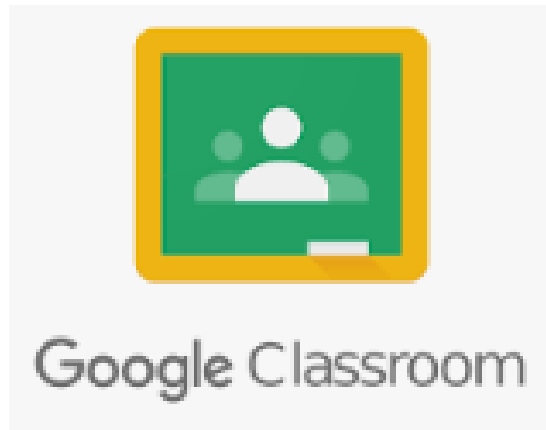
27th - 31st October 2025

Inset Day

Monday 3rd November

Google Classroom

- ▶ You will receive information from the office with regards to a Google Classroom log on. Please join the class as this is where we will share information about what we have been learning that week.
- ▶ Letter with login details will come out when you have signed up.



Learning by Questions LbQ

- ▶ You will have received your child's login and a leaflet about home learning at Blackwell.
- ▶ Maths will be set every Monday and due the following Monday on LbQ.
- ▶ This will be supporting the learning from the classroom.
- ▶ Children will be awarded dojos for completing their homework.
- ▶ Any questions, please speak to us.



Learning
by Questions

We are here to help...

- If your circumstances have changed over the summer holidays, please let the school know.
- It may be that you qualify for 'Pupil Premium Funding' which means extra help and support for your child at school.

Thank you!

- ▶ Please read at home as much as you can!
- ▶ Any problems, questions or queries, please speak to us. We are always here to help.