

Parent Information Booklet



**Year 1
2025-2026**

Please keep this booklet to refer to throughout the year.

Parsloes Primary School

WELCOME TO YEAR 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome you and your child to Year 1 and we look forward to working with you in the coming year. Year 1 is the beginning of Key Stage One and your child will begin to follow the National Curriculum. In Year 1 our highest priority is ensuring that your child becomes a fluent and confident reader. Our aim as class teachers is for your child to make the best progress that they can, as well as enjoying their time whilst they are here at Parsloes.

If you have any questions about your child's education and progress, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. We sincerely hope that your child will have a wonderful time in Year 1 and excel in all that they do.

Kind regards,

Year 1 teachers – Miss Hayes (Bumblebee) and Miss Phillips (Ladybird)

Our Vision

At Parsloes Primary School we believe in an enriched and progressive curriculum that is engaging for all. The children and their learning are at the core of all that we do. Our curriculum is designed to take into consideration our children's varied backgrounds and cultural experiences. We believe our children deserve a curriculum that expands their life chances, enabling social equity and mobility.

Curriculum Intent



Our curriculum is language rich with reading at the heart of it. It is based upon our values and promotes positive emotional and physical health and provides experiences and opportunities that broaden children's cultural capital and supports the mindset that they can achieve anything.

Year 1 - Reminders to Parents

Attendance and Punctuality

There is a soft opening from 8.40am to 8.50am. Your child's regular and prompt attendance at school is crucial to their success, so please ensure they are on time every day. The most intensive lessons begin first thing in the morning. If your child is late, they will miss out on very important learning.

Reading

Children in Year 1 are taught to read using the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds programme. They will take a decodable reading book home and are encouraged to read daily. Accompanying this book is a reading record, where you can write comments on their reading progress. Please ensure that you sign your child's reading record at least three times each week. Please take the time to also question your child about the books that they are reading to you. There is a charge of £5 for any lost or damaged books.



Phonics Screening

Throughout the year, phonics and reading will be a priority. During the Summer Term there will be a phonics screening test to check their progress. Further information about this will follow in due course.

Uniform

The school has high expectations for school uniform. Full school uniform with the school logo must be worn daily. Plain white polo tops can be worn. All children should wear appropriate black shoes for school. Please ensure that your child's name is written clearly on all of their belongings. We recommend that long hair is tied back for safety. Children should not wear jewellery in school, except from small studs if they have their ears pierced.

Water

Your child will need a named water bottle with a covered mouthpiece to access water throughout the day. We cannot provide or share cups in the classroom. Your child will be able to refill their water bottle throughout the day as necessary.

Break times

Each class has access to a range of playground toys to use at break and lunch times. Children are not allowed to bring their own toys into school to play with.

PE

PE kits should consist of a white T-Shirt, red shorts, black joggers and a black sweatshirt. Children should not wear earrings to school on their PE days and long hair must be tied back.

PE days-

Ladybird class – Monday and Tuesday

Bumblebee class – Monday and Thursday

Art Shirts

Please can you provide your child with an old shirt to be used during Art lessons.

Library

Your child will visit the school library with their class once a week, where they will have their opportunity to check out a book and take it home to read. Please ensure that your child returns the book the following week. There is a charge of £5 for any lost or damaged books.

Curriculum

During the first half of the Autumn Term, the classroom will be organised as it is in the Reception classrooms to enable the children to transition into Year 1. Our theme for the first half term is 'What's in the Toy Box?'. Further curriculum updates will follow throughout the year in order for parents to support their child's learning.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have a wide range of clubs on offer for our pupils. These take place before and after school. These include Cooking, Art, Wellbeing, Bright Minds (Reception only), and Homework club. We also have a wide range of Sports Clubs including Football, Dance and Multi-sports. Information is sent at the beginning of every academic year via Parent Mail. Please see a member of the school office if you require any further information.

How to support your child in Year 1

- Read with your child every day and ask them questions about the story.
- Help your child to complete their homework.
- Practise number bonds to 10.
- Practise the spellings which your child will come home from school with.
- Discuss with your child topics covered in school, using the half termly parent overviews.
- Encourage your child to be independent in their self-care, for example with toileting and using a knife and fork correctly.
- Encourage conversation through playing games and talking about your day.

PARSLOES PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM

The uniform, including the P.E. Kit, book bags etc. can be purchased from our online uniform supplier which is Premier Schoolwear, www.premierschoolwear.co.uk.

Uniform can be purchased and either delivered or collected from store. If you require any additional information please speak to the school office.

COMPULSORY UNIFORM

BOYS

Grey tailored trousers
White school polo shirt
Red school sweatshirt (with Parsloes motif)
Plain grey socks
Plain black **shoes (NO Trainers)**
No dyed hair or shaved fashion hairstyles

GIRLS

Grey pleated skirt or grey tailored trousers
White school polo shirt
Red school sweatshirt (with Parsloes motif)
Grey tights
White socks
Plain black **shoes** (flat heel with a back, **NO Trainers**)
Red or white hair accessories
No dyed hair or shaved fashion hairstyles

BAGS

Parsloes Book Bag only

Please do not send your child to school with any other bags, handbags or back packs.

OPTIONAL SUMMER UNIFORM (from April to October)

Children may wear the main uniform all year round, but during the hot weather boys and girls may wear grey tailored shorts with the white school polo shirt.

Girls also may wear a red gingham checked **dress** (not 2 piece suit) with white socks.

PLEASE NOTE:

All cardigans and sweat shirts must have the Parsloes Primary School motif. All shoes should have a back, should be flat heeled and BLACK. Please only have laced shoes if your child can do up their own laces otherwise have ones with velcro. Any clothing underneath the uniform especially in the winter months must not be seen, this includes long sleeve tops and leggings.

Children coming into school with the incorrect uniform will be asked to change.

The only jewellery pupils may wear are **studs** in pierced ears. These need to be removed by the child for all PE lessons (maybe easier to keep earrings out on P.E. days). Watches may only be worn if pupils know how to tell the time. Pupils wearing nail varnish or make up will be asked to remove it.

COMPULSORY P.E KIT

Red shorts (not cycling or Bermuda)

Plain white round necked T-shirt

Black plimsolls

All kits are to be kept in named Parsloes Primary School slipper bags and are hung on the pegs outside your child's classroom.

Plain tracksuit bottoms (black) & a plain (black) sweatshirt (over their white P.E. t-shirt) may be worn during the cold weather for outdoor P.E. (Reception only do indoor P.E.). Long hair must be tied back in accordance with health and safety regulations.

Curriculum Overview – English

<u>Autumn 1</u> What's in the Toybox? Basic Skills Focus – fundamental writing skills from Reception especially letter formation and dictated sentences. Enormous Turnip Text: 'The Gigantic Turnip' by Aleksei Tolstoy Genre: Cumulative Tale Grammar Focus: composing simple sentences; using full stops and capital letters correctly <i>No Hot Task – sentence level work</i>	<u>Autumn 2</u> On the Move Where the Wild Things Are Text: 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Marcus Sendak Genre: Character Description Grammar Focus: Composing and writing simple sentences; using full stops and capital letters correctly <i>No Hot Task – sentence level work</i>	<u>Spring 1</u> Sensational Handa's Surprise Text: 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne Genre 1: Journey Tale Grammar Focus: Sequencing sentences into short narrative; joining sentences using 'and' Innovated Write: Akeyo's Journey Genre 2: Instructions Grammar Focus: Using question marks; sequencing sentences; using conjunctions Innovated Write: How to Make a Smoothie
<u>Spring 2</u> Into the Unknown! Lost and Found Text: 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers Genre 1: Wishing Tale Grammar Focus: Sequencing sentences into a short narrative; using conjunctions Innovated Write: A story where a character's wish comes true Genre 2: Non-Chronological Report Grammar Focus: Using question marks; using conjunctions to explain or add detail Innovated write: A report about a polar creature	<u>Summer 1</u> Fee Fi Fo Fum! Jack and the Beanstalk Text: 'Jack and the Beanstalk' Genre 1: Overcoming the Monster Grammar Focus: sequencing sentences into short narratives; exclamation marks Hot Task: a story where an invented monster is defeated Genre 2: Non-Chronological Report Grammar Focus: Using question marks; using conjunctions to explain or add detail Innovated Write: A report about the monster they created for their story	<u>Summer 2</u> Oh, I do Like to be Beside the Seaside! The Snail and the Whale Text: 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson Genre: Journey Tale Grammar Focus: conjunctions, sentence punctuation, rereading to check it makes sense Hot Task: Journey tale about an adventure the children have in the local area The Big Big Sea Text: 'The Big Big Sea' by Martin Waddell Genre: Poetry

Curriculum Overview – Themes

<u>Autumn 1</u> What's in the Toybox?	<u>Autumn 2</u> On the Move
<u>Spring 1</u> Sensational!	<u>Spring 2</u> Into the Unknown!
<u>Summer 1</u> Fee Fi Fo Fum!	<u>Summer 2</u> Oh, I Do Like to be Beside the Seaside!

End of Year Expectations – Writing

By the end of Year 1, a child of expected standard will meet the following criteria:

Begins to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place
Writes sentences by: 1. sequencing sentences to form short narratives; and 2. re-reading what has been written to check that it makes sense.
Spells words containing each of the 40+ phonemes already taught
Names the letters of the alphabet in order
Writes from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs and common exception words taught so far
Introduces capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences

End of Year Expectations – Reading

By the end of Year 1, a child of expected standard will meet the following criteria:

Responds speedily with the correct sound to graphemes (letters or groups of letters) for all 40+ phonemes, including, where applicable, alternative sounds for graphemes Reads accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words
Reads common exception words
Reads aloud accurately books that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge and that do not require them to use other strategies to work out words
Develops pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by: listening to and discussing a wide range of poems, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently; becoming very familiar with key stories, fairy stories and traditional tales.
Understands both the books they can already read accurately and fluently and those they listen to by: checking that the text makes sense to them as they read; as they read, correcting inaccurate reading; discussing the significance of the title and events; and predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.

End of Year Expectations – Maths

By the end of Year 1, a child of expected standard will meet the following criteria:

Counts to and across 100, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or one, or from any given number
Counts, reads and writes numbers to 100 in numerals; counts in multiples of twos, fives and tens
Given a number, identifies one more and one less
Represents and uses number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20
Recognises, finds and names a half as one of two equal parts of an object, shape or quantity
Compares, describes and solves practical problems for: 1. lengths and heights e.g., long/short, longer/shorter, tall/short, double/half; 2. mass/weight e.g., heavy/light, heavier than, lighter than; 3. capacity and volume e.g., full/empty, more than, less than, half, half full, quarter; and 4. time e.g., quicker, slower, earlier, later.
Tells the time to the hour and half past the hour and draws the hands on a clock face to show these times
Recognises and names common 2-D and 3-D shapes, including: 1. 2-D shapes e.g., rectangles (including squares), circles and triangles; 2. 3-D shapes e.g., cuboids (including cubes), pyramids and spheres.