

Have fun
in Year One!!!



Year One Starters Information booklet



This is how we write our numbers

0	1	2	3
4	5	6	7
8	9	10	

You could practise tracing these!

Dear Pine Class children,

This booklet is for you and your family. It tells you all about the different things that happen in Year One at The Firs Lower School. We hope that you enjoy looking through it, and that it answers some of the questions that you and your parents may have. We look forward to seeing



you in September.

You are special!

You are all very special little people, with different needs and worries. Please make sure you talk to a grown-up in school straight away if anything bothers you.

* Parents, if you have worries or queries, please make an appointment at the office to see us after school; or if more urgent, please leave us a message for us to phone you back. It is vital that we are available for the children at the beginning of the day, rather than discussing issues then.

When you show excellent behaviour or learning, you will go on the 'fab list', which means you will be given a sticker for you and a sticker for your sticker chart. When you have got 10 stickers, you will be able to take your sticker chart home with you.



If a grown-up in school sees you applying a lot of effort or being a good role-model, they may give you a 'praise card', which you can take home and proudly show it off!



Two children are chosen each week for a merit badge

Homework

Practise makes perfect!

Before you return to school you can do lots of things at home with your family that will help you prepare for Year One:



Writing

Writing is FUN!

You could write a diary, shopping lists, letters, postcards, stories about football or fairies etc. If you bring in your writing we will celebrate it and you will get a special certificate!

Mathematics

You could practise counting objects accurately; matching the correct written number; breaking numbers into tens and ones; adding and subtracting practically (and record with pictures).

Spellings

Each Monday you will be given a set of spellings to practise at home and at school. You will have a week to work at these before having an informal test in school.

Learning Logs

From January, you will be given a Learning Log, with a piece of topic homework to complete at home, with help from your family. This will be a

P.E

In Year One, you will do PE twice a week. Your PE kit should be black shorts and a green 'firs' T-shirt. You will need black slip on pumps or trainers for outdoor P.E

You will need to bring your P.E kit in your Firs PE bag and leave it at school until the holidays.

PE can be dancing to music, simple gymnastics using climbing equipment and games with hoops, ropes and balls etc.

When you get changed for PE you should be able to take off and put on most of your clothes by yourself. Your teacher will help you with things you find hard. Do practice getting changed at home.

Your PE kit and all of your other clothes should have your name sewn in so that they don't get lost or mixed up with everyone's someone else's, as kit looks the same!

Your Things

You will have your own coat peg in the cloak-room, with your name and a picture on it. You can hang your coat and PE bag here.

In the classroom you will have a tray with your name on it. If you bring a snack from home, you will need to put it in your tray each day, ready for playtime. You can also use your tray to keep your jumper or cardigan safe when you take it off.

In September, you will be provided with a school water bottle. Please remember to take this home each day to be filled with fresh water. If you finish your water during the day, you can refill it at school. Water bottles are kept in a basket with your group name on.

Letters for home will go in your book bag together with your school reading books. Book bags are kept in book bag boxes with your group



The School Day

Morning Snack

Each day you will be offered a piece of fruit to eat at playtime. This is provided free of charge. You can eat this, or your healthy snack from home, in the playground at morning play time.

Table Groups

You will be placed in a mixed ability group within the classroom. We name these after fruit!

(Blueberries, Kiwis, Oranges or Strawberries)

You will be brought to the same school gate as you came through in Pine Class. You will say goodbye to your parents at the gate* and make your way to the classroom.

(* Parents, if you feel your child needs you to walk them round to the classroom on the first few days, this will be fine. Kids-club children will be escorted to the classroom each morning).

- Table activities during registration
- Assembly
- Read, Write, Inc (in ability groups)
- Playtime
- Maths (play-based to start with—eg through lego, toy farm, cutting and sticking, dominoes, dice etc)
- Handwriting practise / singing / story
- Lunch
- topic based lessons (Geography, History, Science, Art, ICT, music, P.E etc)

*You will get a timetable and a 'What we are learning' sheet to take home in September.

Home time

At the end of the day, you will be given your book bag, coat and water bottle to hold at your table while we wait for parents or Kids Club staff to collect you. You will need to wait until your name is called before you leave. Parents will come up the path and

collect from outside the ⁷classroom door.