

## The Foundation Phase Curriculum

In Year 1 children follow the Foundation Phase curriculum as they did in Early Years but are now at a different stage in their learning.

The seven areas of learning, which we approach with a focus on literacy and numeracy through topics are:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development & Wellbeing
- Language, Literacy & Communication
- Mathematical Development
- Welsh Language Development
- Knowledge & Understanding of the World
- Physical Development
- Creative Development



We also focus on developing children's key skills of ICT and thinking across all of these areas of learning.

## Year 1 & 2 Topics

2018-19

<b>Autumn Term</b>	Famous Faces
<b>Spring Term</b>	Our World
<b>Summer Term</b>	Carnival of the Animals

## Your Child's Progress

We observe and make assessments of the children almost everyday, which inform the next steps in your child's learning journey. You will be invited to 'Parents Evening' in November to discuss how your child has settled into Year 1 and how we can work together to help them develop.

**If you have any questions / are concerned about your child's progress please don't hesitate to speak to Mr Hayes.**

## Reading / Homework

Every week your child will bring home a reading book which we would encourage you to share together with your child.



Please read the book several times, encouraging your child to 'sound out' words they can and begin reading with increasing independence when they are ready and able to do so.

Talking about the book together with re-telling the story is an important reading skill, and it is this which builds the foundations for a 'love of reading' which we aim to foster and develop.

Your child will also continue to bring home their 'sound book' from Early Years. This will support your child's reading as a reminder of the phonics when 'sounding out' new words. Throughout Year 1 new sounds will be introduced, particularly two letters together, for example 'ai', 'oo', 'ay' etc.

Many words can't be 'sounded out' easily, we call these our 'tricky words'. Flashcards will be sent home to help you practise these with your child by sight (and shape).

**Reading / Homework folders will be sent home at the beginning of term with a range of activities for the children to work on. Dates will be given for your child to bring their homework in to school which they can share with their teacher and their friends. Online maths homework is also allocated every Friday.**



From time to time Year 1 children may bring home other types of homework which may include a maths games, reading comprehension or phonic games.

**Seesaw**—please sign up to your child's free seesaw account. This way you can see pictures and videos of the things that they are doing in school as they do it.

**If you have any questions / concerns about your child's reading or homework please make a note in your child's home / school book or speak to Mr Hayes at the end of the school day.**

## Writing

When writing with your child, please encourage them to use lower case letters, not CAPITALS. As a rule, we only use capital letters in school at the beginning of names and to start a sentence. An alphabet showing the cursive script letter formation is in your child's home/school book.



## Internet Safety



When using the internet at school children are supervised by staff and use specific sites. There are also filters applied by the Local Authority, these can not guarantee that unsuitable material can not be accessed, but do significantly reduce any risk.

All children and parents sign an acceptable use / E-Safety agreement during your child's time at Barker's Lane.

We would appreciate your support with educating your child about safe use of the internet as we all know, it can be an amazing educational resource.



**We really do value the partnership between home and school and we encourage you to write comments in the home/school book.**

## Uniform / P.E Clothing

**It is very important that all of your child's belongings are all clearly labelled.** Please check on a daily basis that your child has brought home all the clothing that he / she went to school with. Any unmarked items are placed in the lost property box; labelled items left at school can be returned to the individual child.

## P.E Kit

All Year 1 children require a P.E kit (blue T-shirt, white shorts and pumps). These need to be left in a labelled P.E bag on your child's peg. **No earrings on P.E days please.** Y1 P.E day is on Tuesday.

## Healthy School

Free Breakfast Club All children are eligible to come along. Doors open at 8.15am and will be closed at 8.30am.



Year 1 children are provided with a mid-morning snack of fruit and milk. Milk is free but we ask for a contribution of £8 per half-term or £42 per year towards the cost of fruit.

**Year 1 children will continue to have free milk everyday.**



Year 1 children are provided with a new water bottle in September which they need to bring to school with a fresh supply of water everyday. **No flavoured water / fruit juice please.**

School meals—menu available on the website.



**Dinner money to be paid online by Mon morning or sent on Mon morning please.**

Packed lunch—we have a duty to encourage healthy lunch boxes. Please do not send more than one chocolate biscuit in your child's box, and no sweets please.

**Birthday Cake** -From time to time some parents send birthday cake into school for the class. If you are considering sending cake in on your child's birthday, please send the cake already cut in individual sandwich bags. The cake can then go home with each child at hometime. We have a number of children in school with severe food / nut allergies therefore this will support us tremendously.

## Working in Partnership

We very much value our home-school partnership and only by working together can we do the best for your child.

Your first point of contact at school is always your child's class teacher. If you have any worries / concerns, or want to celebrate good news with us, please talk to the class teacher first.

If an issue is unresolved or of a sensitive nature please make an appointment to discuss this with Mrs Harrison-Edwards, Headteacher.

## General Information

### Payments / Monies

Online payments are our preferred method of payment. If you do need to send in any monies, **please put money in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name** and what the money is for.

### Punctuality / Attendance / Absence

School starts at 8.55am. Our doors are open from 8.45am to ensure all children are punctual for school. If your child is ill and can't attend school please use the contact form on our website or telephone the school office 357754 and let us know.

An attendance report will be provided each half term. As a school we have a duty to report any concerns we have with persistent lateness / absences to our Attendance Officer.

### Collecting Your Child From School

Please try to be on time at the end of the day as tired children do get upset, especially when everyone else is going home. If your child is being collected by somebody different it is important that you inform the teacher or the school office. We will not release your child to someone we have not been informed about.

Children are not permitted to use the equipment before and after school. Please ensure your child is supervised on the school premises, particularly when waiting for older siblings after school.

### Health & Safety

Please park safely when bringing / collecting your child from school. **Parking on the yellow zig-zags / across the drive is not permitted.**

Smoking (including e-cigarettes) is not permitted on the school site.

Dogs are not permitted within the school grounds.

### Medicines

If your child requires medication, please discuss this with Mrs Harrison-Edwards, Headteacher.

A form must be completed from the school office if your child requires medication to be administered at school.

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**COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

**'LEARN TOGETHER'**

*'Let's learn to enjoy, achieve, respect and nurture together'*

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