

Attendance and Punctuality

Every lesson at school is important for your child's development and so we ask that they come to school every day and always arrive on time. Classrooms open at **8.40** and registration begins at **8.45**. If your child is ill, please call the school office and let us know.



Behaviour

We expect all of our Year 1 children to be shining examples of good behaviour. They will be experiencing many opportunities to show off their good manners, positive attitudes and developing knowledge and skills. As usual, the children will be given dojo points and praise for good behaviour and can earn class rewards for good teamwork.



PE

Each class will have two PE sessions per week.

Discoverers - Thursday and Friday

Detectives - Thursday and Friday

Children should wear their PE kits to school. They should have a **white T-shirt and black/navy shorts**. They should wear **trainers** (sportswear, not fashion-wear), a **sweat-shirt** and **jogging bottoms/shorts** as appropriate.

No jewellery is allowed to be worn during PE lessons. Long hair should be tied back and children should not wear football shirts or clothing with slogans.

Homework

Homework will be given out on a Friday via Microsoft Teams. It is expected that this is returned by the following Wednesday.

How you can help

Reading

Ensure that your child reads to you every night and you record this clearly in their reading record. You can also spend some time sharing a book together. The balance between learning to read and enjoying stories is essential at this age, as we want all our young people to grow up with a love of books.

When reading you can talk with your child about the characters, settings and events in the story. Ask your child questions to help develop their understanding. Encourage your child to look for interesting words and suggest that they write sentences using the interesting words. The ability to read well underpins all that we do in school.

Children must have their reading books and reading record in school every day.

Writing

Provide opportunities for your child to write, for example a shopping list, birthday cards, letters to friends or family, postcards. Don't be tempted to write it for them, but encourage them to say the sentence first and use their phonic knowledge for spelling. At this stage it doesn't matter whether they get it right but that they are having a go.

Maths skills

By the end of the year children will be using number within 100. In order to support your child with this encourage them to notice number in its many forms wherever you go and discuss it e.g. street signs, house numbers, supermarkets, menus etc. This will help to give this abstract concept a purpose.

Well being

As always, there will be a focus on well-being and characteristics for learning. Children will also be practising mindfulness regularly to help them to become more focussed and positive learners.

Daily Boost

All the children will be taken outside (on non PE days) for 15 minutes exercise, designed to promote a healthy body and improve fitness. Therefore please ensure that children are wearing appropriate footwear to school every day.



Queries

If you have any questions or concerns, please raise these promptly with your child's teacher via the year group email: Y1@glenfield.leics.sch.uk. We want to work together to make sure that your child is happy and learning. It often helps to know if a child may be upset or worried about something that may affect them.

School Website

Information about events and classes can be found on the school website at: www.glenfield.leics.sch.uk



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Curriculum Topics

Writing - Texts: Traditional Tales (including Jack and the Beanstalk and Hansel and Gretel), Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World and The Polar Express.

Outcomes: labels and lists using capital letters for proper nouns, description using noun phrases, recount using question and exclamation statements and fact files using headings and subheadings.

Handwriting

The children will be learning to use a pre-cursive handwriting technique in preparation for the progression through the school. You can learn more about this at www.teachhandwriting.co.uk.

Reading/Phonics—Phonics will be taught daily as a whole class using the DfE approved Essential Letters and Sounds programme. We will initially revisit previously taught sounds to consolidate before moving on to new teaching. Reading books will be carefully matched to the sequence of teaching.

Maths - During this term we will focus on place value and addition & subtraction within 10, before moving on to some geometry and place value to 20.



Science - We will be identifying basic parts of the human body including the senses, as well as classifying animal types. We will also be observing the seasonal changes and associated weather.

History - In history we will be exploring what history is, understanding changes within living memory and learning about significant individuals from our past.

Geography - Our geography lessons will be focusing on exploring the school grounds and where we live. Considering human and physical features of our local environment.

D&T - The children will be exploring and making a moving story book. Considering design, purpose and appeal. They will be cutting and shaping the necessary parts.

Art - Art this term will focus on drawing and painting using a range of mediums. The children will create self-portraits inspired by the work of our focus artist Pablo Picasso.

RE - In our RE sessions we will be discussing what Christians believe God is like and thinking about why Christmas matters to Christians.

PE - Outdoor PE will focus on ball skills—rolling, patting, throwing and catching. In gymnastics we will be exploring different ways to travel on different parts of the body, balancing and linking actions together in a sequence. Our dance sessions will be linked to fairytales.

Music— Our music lessons will be developing our musical vocabulary and identifying the pulse and rhythm in different pieces of music.

Computing— In computing we will be learning to be safe online as well as creating our own animated stories and writing some simple instructions.

PSHE— These sessions will focus on the role of different people, different types of families, respecting ourselves and others and ensuring our relationships are safe.

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Learners in Year 1

Information for Parents Autumn 2023

Discoverers- Mrs Thomson
Detectives - Miss Khella