

Loatlands Phase 1 News

Term 1 Newsletter
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Introduction

A warm welcome to all new Reception parents. The children have settled into school brilliantly and are enjoying all activities so far. Year One children have also transitioned seamlessly and are adapting beautifully to their new learning challenges. It is wonderful to see all the children across the phase back in school, happy and enthusiastic.

This newsletter is to keep you informed of your child's learning and activities across the phase. Many of you know me already, my name is Natasha Cross and I would like to introduce myself to you as Phase Leader of Reception and Year One. Your first point of contact is always the class teacher. If you are not able to see them in person, please send in a letter or ring the office. If you would like to see me for any reason please contact me via the school office.

PE days within the phase

Please ensure that your child has a clearly labelled PE kit in school. The days for PE are outlined below:

Reception	Tuesday afternoons
Year One (Allberg)	Monday and Friday mornings.
Year One (Kipling)	Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Important points to note

Please make sure every child has their book bag (not a backpack as they don't fit in the drawers or pegs!) in school with their reading book and log every day.

It is a school expectation that every child will read at home daily and their reading record will be written in by their parent/carer. To make this easier for you, every child has a new reading log with a section for each day.

Reception children will change their reading books with their carer in the mornings, no more than twice a week (more information on this to follow in the coming weeks). Year One children will change their reading books once a week and will be allowed to take up to 3 books to last a week. Children will move up a reading band when the teacher is happy they can read with 95% accuracy.

Reception parents please pop in to Donaldson class and look at our 'Look What We Can Do' board. You will find photos and postits for children in each class on the board to your right by the door.

More information to follow about the Year One 'pick 'n mix' homework. Please continue to share a storybook with your child every day alongside this.

Curriculum overview for Term 1

Please see below what exciting learning opportunities are happening in each year group. Most of the learning in Reception this term will be around settling in and becoming a class and school family together. It is really important that we settle the children so they feel happy and safe in our lovely environment, Thank you







Reception

Story books	Maths	Phonics
We will be planning exciting activities around our 'Story of the Week' Please look at the parent board each week to see which story we are learning about.	We will be practising counting objects to 20 and recognising the numbers around us.	We will begin phonics on September 25 th . Our first few sounds are 'm' 'a' 's'
You could support your child by...		
Sharing books daily and talking about the story and characters. Help yourself as often as you like to stories from our shelf unit.	Helping them to reliably count objects to 10 and beyond. Make sure they use their finger or move the objects to only count each one once.	Talk at home about what letter objects begin with. Practise listening skills...can you hear the wind, birds singing etc. Play I spy

Year One

English	Maths	Topic
We are looking at letter formation, retelling stories focussing on "The Little Red Hen", spelling non decodable words correctly and enjoying books and writing.	Number recognition to 20 and beyond, accurate counting and number formation.	We were excited to welcome our baker visitors from Poppy's Bakery. We are learning about how to bake bread and different breads from around the world.
You could support your child by...		
Sharing books daily, practising writing on a line and talking about stories.	Noticing numbers around. Spotting and naming 2d and 3d shapes in the environment.	Baking at home, trying different bread and foods from other areas.

Meet the team

Reception		
Mrs Natasha Cross – Phase One Leader and Reception Teacher (Rosen Class)	Mrs Donna Rainbow – Higher Level Teaching Assistant (Rosen Class)	
		
Mrs Jeanette Wonfor – Part Time Reception Teacher (Donaldson Class)	Mrs Lisa Wallace – Part Time Reception Teacher (Donaldson Class)	Mrs Steph Oram – Higher Level Teaching Assistant
		
Mrs Rebekah Johnson – Part-time Year One Teacher (Allberg Class)	Mrs Katie Greenwood – Part-time Year One Teacher (Allberg Class)	Mrs Shelley Nicklin – Teaching Assistant
		
Mrs Kerry Kaup – Year One Teacher (Kipling Class)	Mrs Nicola James – Part-Time Teaching Assistant	Mrs Christine Lantsbery – Part-time Teaching Assistant
		

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Phase One Leader