

Loatlands Phase 1 News

Term 1 Newsletter
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Introduction

A warm welcome to all Phase 1 parents, particularly our new Reception families. The children have settled into school brilliantly and are enjoying all activities so far. Year 1 children have 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 1. 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.

Student Teacher

We are very excited to welcome Mrs Butcher into Jeffers Class in Year 1 this year. Mrs Butcher is a student teacher and will be working closely with Mrs Cross throughout the year. She is excited to be part of our Loatlands team and we have made her feel very welcome so far.

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	Thursday afternoons
Year 1	Monday afternoon and Wednesday morning

P.E Kit

This is what the children need in school every week to take part in PE lessons.

Indoor PE Kit

Red T-shirt (Loatlands or plain)

Black shorts

Plimsolls

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 1 children will change their reading books once a week but if you feel they need another book during the week they can pop it in the tray in their classroom and change it during the day. In Year 1 we will hear the children read individually once a week which we will log in their reading books. We will also be hearing the children read twice a week in guided reading groups, but these will not be written in their home reading logs, otherwise there will be no space for you to write in!
- Across the phase, 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 post-its for children in each class on the board to your right by the door.
- Please make sure your child does not come to school wearing earrings as this is school policy, thank you.

Water bottles - Please can all Year 1 children have a water bottle in school each day. Reception children **do not** need this as milk and water is available each day for them to help themselves.

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.

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 23rd. 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. Practice listening skills...can you hear the wind, birds singing etc. Play I spy.



Year One		
English	Maths	Topic
We are learning all about the circus this term. We have been reading and writing about the stories 'You see a circus...' and 'Up and Down'. As well as writing about the story we are remembering to use Fred Talk to sound out words, remembering our finger spaces and full stops.	Number recognition to 20 and beyond, accurate counting and number formation.	We had a fabulous morning at our circus workshop this week. We learnt many new skills including juggling, plate spinning, balancing peacock feathers on our hands, noses and chins, diablo and much more. We have also been singing along to 'The Greatest Showman' sound track and watching clips of trapeze artists and acrobats on the board.
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.	Practice balancing skills and ball/juggling at home. Talk about the circus and what you may see there.

Meet the team

Reception

Mrs Jeanette Wonfor – Full Time Reception Teacher (Rosen Class)	Mrs Nicola James – Part-Time Teaching Assistant	Mrs Christine Lantsbery – Part-time Teaching Assistant
		
Miss Lauren Sellers – Full Time Reception Teacher (Donaldson Class)		Mrs Steph Oram – Higher Level Teaching Assistant
		

Year 1

Mrs Natasha Cross – Phase One Leader and Year 1 Teacher (Jeffers Class)	Mrs Donna Rainbow – Higher Level Teaching Assistant (Jeffers Class)	
		
Mrs Rebekah Johnson – Part-time Year One Teacher (Ahlberg Class)	Mrs Katie Greenwood – Part-time Year One Teacher (Ahlberg Class)	Miss Natalie Kelly – Teaching Assistant (Ahlberg Class)
