



WELCOME TO YEAR 1

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About Me!

- I have been teaching for 16 years. I retrained to be a teacher after many years of being a professional musician. For the first 12 years, I worked in early years, and then moved to Year 3 for a while. I am delighted to be back with the younger children. I am also enjoying the role of music coordinator as it allows me to keep my passion for music alive!



Keep in Touch!

- I really believe that we can best help your child if we work together! Please let me know if there is anything that is worrying your child, or if you have any concerns.
- You can email me at: year1@fawbert-barnards.essex.sch.uk

Please be aware that I may not be able to answer your emails straight away. I try to look at them at the start and end of the day and respond as quickly as I can.

- For school information keep an eye on the school website or on Seesaw



Our Expectations!



In Year 1 we expect the best from your children at all times!

- The best behaviour.
- The best efforts to produce the best work.
- The best appearance. (No earrings please)
- Children must wear the school uniform.
- Children will do their very best to improve each piece of work to ensure that they make excellent progress!

Reading

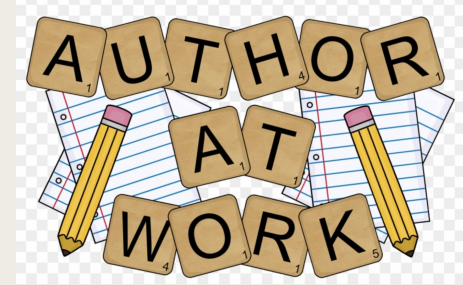


- It is expected that pupils read at home from a very early age.
- In Year 1 it is essential that they read for a good 5-10 minutes at least three times per week.
- Read each book twice – once for fluency and then for expression.
- We have a flexible book change approach – no fixed day to change books. They choose their own book from the suitable reading stage. Children are responsible for placing their books in the changing basket.
- NO READING RECORDS! – We do not give out reading records in KS1, but we keep a note of what your child has read.
- OUR NEW READING SCHEME – We will introduce the children to a new reading scheme which means that the children will read everyday. Their reading will be closely monitored by the adults. This was trialled in Year 1 last year and was a great success!

Our focus for English and Maths

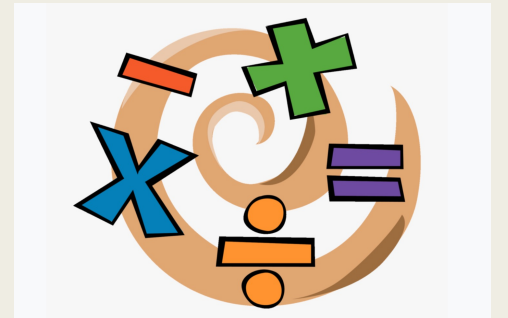
English

- Handwriting
- Letter formation
- Writing sentences
- Basic punctuation



Maths

- Number recognition
- Number bonds
- Working on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Working with numbers to 10, 20, 50 and finally 100!



Homework

Homework is an essential part of your child's learning. It supports the work that they do in school and ensures rapid progress. Children should be able to complete their homework independently.

Weekly Homework Weekly homework using Numbots and daily reading must be done. This weekly homework is very important, and we are now making this compulsory.

Topic Homework

Homework will be given out at the start of a topic and there will be a due in date given. **It is not compulsory but will support the children with their learning this term.**



Homework – Where we Live

+ Please share any completed tasks/activities on Seesaw.

| Non – negotiable | Optional – topic related enrichment activities |
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| <p><u>Reading</u> The children should be trying to read for 5-10 minutes <u>at least three times per week</u>. Please make a record in their diary every time – even if it is only a few pages. Children will be able to change their book once it has been read twice – first for fluency then with expression. Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> practising their word reading by using the letter sounds and harder to read words that they know. develop their comprehension by asking questions about what they have read. read their school reading book as well as their own choice of books/comics that they may have at home. <p>Children can also read using the oxford owl books that are set up online. Remember that the class wins the trophy if everyone spends some time on Oxford Owls</p> <p><u>Numbots</u> The children should be working on their number facts using <u>Numbots</u> for 5-10 minutes <u>three times per week</u>. Let's see if we can get the <u>Numbots</u> trophy too!</p> | <p>Science: What animals do you see in your garden or in the park? Can you take a picture or draw it? Does it have feathers, or fur or even scales! How many legs does it have? Write down some facts or get your grown up to help you write a sentence about the animal.</p> <p>Computing: See if you can upload some lovely work you have done at home to Seesaw. We can then share it with the class. It could be some handwriting, a picture of you reading or some simple calculations. Remember that if you want to make a comment, it should be positive and kind!</p> <p>DT: Not covered this half term.</p> <p>Art: Can you draw a picture of your favourite fruit? We will be thinking about how to do this in our lessons too.</p> <p>Geography: We will be focusing on learning about Harlow. Where do you like to go in Harlow? Do you go to the Leisure Zone or go shopping at the Harvey Centre. Maybe you like going to your local park or visiting The <u>Gibberd</u> Gardens. Please could you take some pictures and upload them to Seesaw.</p> <p>PE: In P.E. we will be learning to improve our ball skills. Try throwing and catching a ball. How many times can you throw and catch it without dropping it?</p> <p>Music: When you have your <u>Yumu</u> login, you can have a go at some of the online activities. Learn new songs, clap along to the pulse or just have a dance!</p> <p>History: Not covered this half term.</p> <p>Wellbeing: We are remembering how to stay safe online this half term so maybe you could read the <u>ebook</u> with your child. You will find a PDF version in the homework resources called On <u>The</u> Internet. There are many words that the children will be able to read themselves and then there are quizzes at the end.</p> |

School Uniform

School uniform must always be worn.

Children must have:

- a blue jumper or cardigan
- a white shirt
- grey trousers, skirts or tunics
- black shoes
- Trainers are required so that children can complete their daily mile.

P.E. Kit

- Children must come into school in their P.E. kit on a Monday and Friday.
- This comprises of a white polo T shirt, black shorts, plimsols, trainers, and a track suit for outside P.E. when the weather gets colder.
- P.E. is on a Monday and Friday afternoon.
- This term we will be working on improving our ball skills and doing some gymnastics and dance as well.



Topic Work

- Our topics this year will be:
- Where We Live (geography)
- How Old Is Our School? (history)
- Magic Toymaker (history)
- Home And Away (geography)
- Our Amazing Planet (geography)

Year 1

- This is a challenging year to begin with as the move to KS1 is a big jump.
- It always takes children at least half a term to build up their stamina and we support them as they get used to doing more work. We work then hard, but we give plenty of praise and encouragement.
- Despite the hard work we also want a year filled with fun and excitement.



Reports

- You received your child's report at the end of last term.
- Please read through these with them and focus on all the positives.
- Please also look at their targets, as they will be our focus for their learning too.



Online Safety

- We take online safety very seriously at school.
- Please do the same at home.
- Incidents of poor behaviour between children, when online at home, take up a lot of our time.
- Please try to talk to your children about this and resolve any problems with the parents concerned.

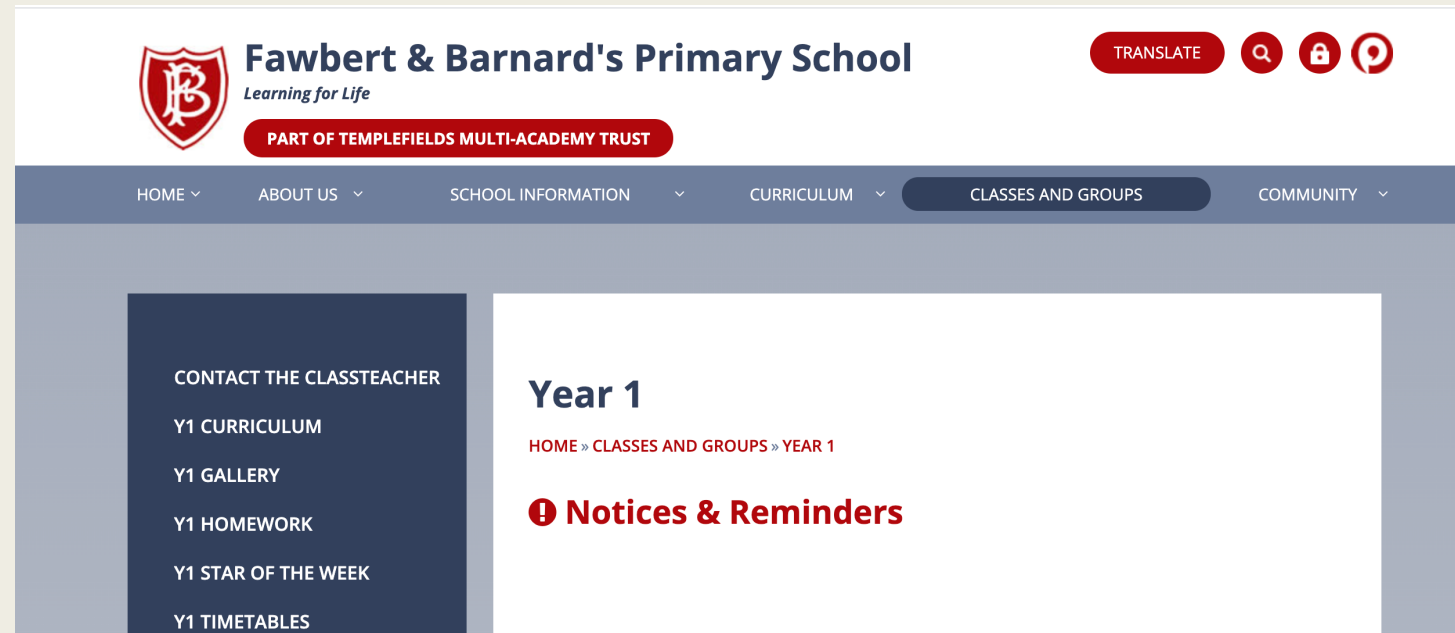


Attendance

- Please make sure your child is in school every day! It is vital to ensure their progress and learning.
- We are also aiming to win the attendance trophy this year!
- If your child is really unwell, and needs to stay at home, then please let the office know.

The Website

- For up to date news keep an eye on our website. You will find lots of information about what is going on at school, and the Year 1 class page should keep you informed of what we are doing.



Thank You!

- Thank you for taking the time to read this.
- I am so looking forward to this year and really getting to know and help your child!