





Welcome to Year One

Dear Parents / Carers,




Welcome to Year One. My name is Mrs Berry, and I am the year leader for year one. I just wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself, the year one team and share some key information with you.

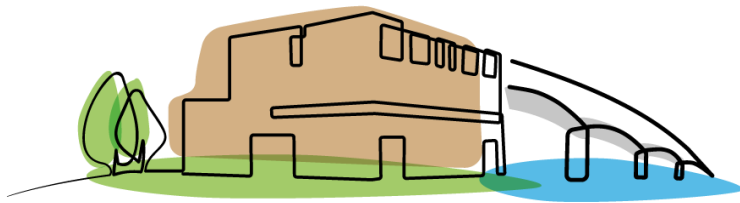
Meet the team

Teachers (name, home class, photo)

			
Miss Hammond	Mrs Berry	Miss Cleaves	Miss Narraway
Monday	Tuesday-Friday	1 Green class teacher	1 Blue Class teacher
1 Red class teachers			

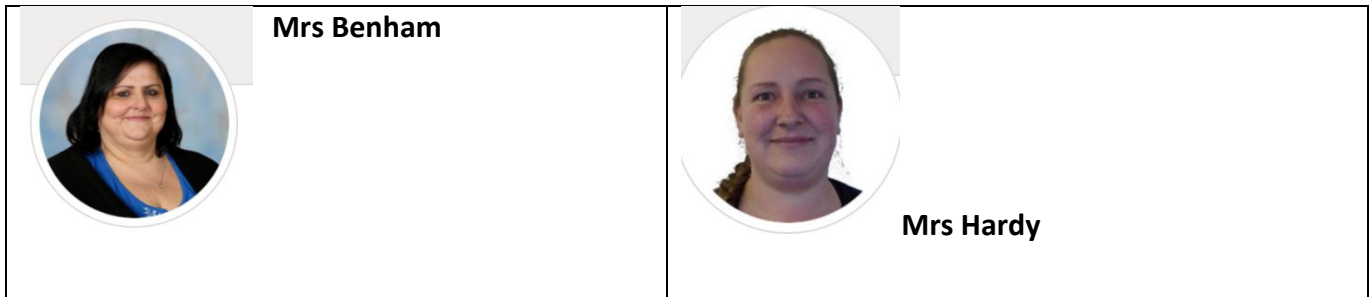
Teaching Assistants (name and photo)

Ms Elsey		Ms Pinnick		Mr Wild-Green	
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PE days

Children will have Pe on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. Please send children to school wearing their PE kits on these days. Pe kits are: blue or black shorts or leggings and a white t shirt, or blue/black tracksuit for colder days. Please ensure they are wearing trainers on PE days so they can safely participate in PE lessons. PE will be both inside and outside so please send the children with appropriate clothing to enjoy their lessons.

Reading at home

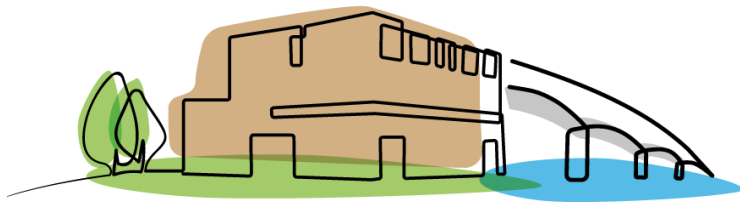
Bug club books will be coming home weekly with the children with their new reading records. The children will have this book for a week so you can read it together, practise expression and pace and so the children can develop their confidence in reading it independently using their phonics sounds. Books will be changed each Friday so please ensure you send your child with their book on this day. Reading is so important for children whether that is them reading to you or you reading to them. Please try to spend at least 15/20 minutes each day reading with your children. Please record all reading you do in the reading records and send them back to school with the children on the Friday. This will allow staff to check them and celebrate the children's amazing hard work.

Homework

Each Friday we will send home a sheet with some suggest tasks or activities with a focus on a key skill we have been learning in school or will be learning in maths, spelling, handwriting, reading and phonics. Please look at this with your child as it will support them to consolidate key skills or prepare for teaching, we are going to be doing. This will always have a phonics focus and we encourage you to practise the sounds frequently using the Pip and Pap website that was introduced to parents in year R. We want learning to be fun so please be as creative as you like in how you practise the learning i.e making the words with flowers, finding them when you go on a walk, posting key words up around the house for children to find. Homework can be returned to school on A Friday for the adults to celebrate in school.

Apps:

In school we use letter join as our handwriting programme. This is a website that you can access on the computer or tablets and I have included the details for you to log in at home on below. Please check which log in you are using as they are different for the tablet and computer. We will also continue to use Timetables rockstars. The children will come home with their log ins for Timestables Rockstars in their reading logs so please do not worry if you cannot remember them.



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Letter-join Pupil log-in

Dear Parents,

Our school is now part of the Letter-join handwriting scheme and our pupils can log in to the Letter-join website at home on iPads, tablets and computers.

There you will find the same, easy-to-use handwriting resources that we use at school.



PC DESKTOP AND LAPTOP LOG-IN

Log in at www.letterjoin.co.uk and use the Desktop log-in option with these details:

Username: **lj0967**

Password: **home**

PC Browsers:

Letter-join will work on the following browsers on PCs/Macs:

- Google Chrome
- Safari

Do not use Internet Explorer.

IPAD AND TABLET LOG-IN

Go to www.letterjoin.co.uk and use the Tablet log-in option with these details:

Username: **lj0967**

Swipe code
(starting at top left):



Tablet/iPad Browsers:

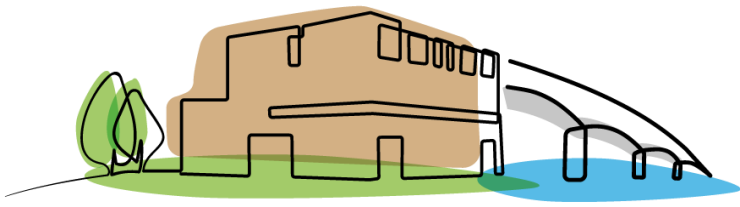
Letter-join will run on the following tablets:

- iPads running iOS7 and above through the Safari browser.
- Windows 8 tablets (8 inch and bigger) using the built-in browser.
- Android tablets (8 inch and bigger) using Google Chrome.

Choose a Classroom

Once logged-in, choose your child's classroom and you can use Letter-join's resources and fun activities to reinforce the handwriting we teach at school. You can trace over the letters and words and play the games on your tablet.

We are limited to the number of users who can log in to this account, so please do not share these log-in details.



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Reminders:

Please name everything that is brought in to school. I know it is very frustrating when things go missing and if we have names on the items, it makes it so much quicker for us to get it back to you.

Please send your child in with a water bottle each day. We encourage the children to drink throughout the day and have times when we all sit down to drink and it is much easier if everyone has a drink to enjoy.

All the topics and learning we will be doing this year are shared on the school website so please visit here to see what your children have been doing and to talk to them about their learning and we will celebrate the work in the newsletter weekly.

We are really excited to welcome you into year one and can not wait to get to know you all better. If you have any concerns or worries at any time please come and speak to your child's class teacher or myself and we will happily help.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Berry
Year 1 Year Leader

