

Key information for Rabbit Class 2025-2026



Welcome to year 1! I am Miss Hinds and I am super excited to be teaching Rabbit Class. We have so much fun and learning ahead of us; it's going to be a great and memorable year where you will learn lots!

The transition from reception to year 1 is an exciting hop but we are going to ensure the transition takes place as smoothly as possible. The children will be introduced to the new structures and routines over the first few weeks, allowing them time to settle. Whilst we will be starting to participate in more formal lessons, the children will still also have access to independent learning activities throughout the day in the first term.

A child's education is most successful when parents, child and school work together towards the same goal. For this reason, we want you to collaborate with us and give your child the best chance of achieving their potential during their time at Mountnessing School. Moving into year 1, we would appreciate your help in encouraging your child to take responsibility for their own belongings and supporting them with their homework. Please remember to check emails and Google Classroom (after October half term) for any information or updates.

Things to note

- Our topic first will be 'Toy Story', and this will be embedded into our curriculum term during the autumn term. This will be followed by the topic 'Pirates' in the spring term and 'Enchanted Woodland' in the summer term.
- PE will be on Monday and Wednesday. Children need to come to school dressed in their PE kit consisting of Mountnessing green top, green shorts, trainers and or a black tracksuit. Earrings must be removed for PE otherwise children are not able to participate for safety reasons.
- Forest School for year 1 will take place in the summer term. Further information will be sent closer to the time.
- Children must come to school every day with their reading diary and school reading books in their school book bag.
- All items of school uniform and PE kit must be labelled clearly in order to prevent loss.
- A healthy snack will continue to be provided in key stage 1. Please bring your water bottle to school each day.

Learning support assistant

Mrs Windebank will be in class with us to support our learning. We are very lucky to have her!

Reading

Children are expected to read at home 5 times a week. They will continue to receive banded and guided reading books matched to their reading ability. Reading supports phonetic knowledge, fluency, comprehension and writing. The more your child reads at home, the greater they will be able to expand these skills. Please note that home reading is monitored and recorded each week. It is also great to encourage your child to read daily for pleasure and information at home from varied genres and text sources. Showing your child that you are also a reader and discussing texts when your child is reading is invaluable as reading is the key to lifelong learning, way beyond school days. A record of each child's reading as recorded in their reading diary is noted each week. Those who consistently read 5 times a week will receive a certificate for their efforts at the end of each half term!

In school, reading will continue to take place as guided reading sessions as per the Little Wandle phonics programme. They will take this guided reading book home each week. Once the children have settled into their new classroom and routines, we will begin to hand out new reading books and reading diaries. These will be changed weekly.

Phonics

In year 1, we will continue our phonics learning through the Little Wandle programme. This will begin with a recap of phases 2-4 as taught in reception, followed by the new phase 5. These lessons take place daily just as last year. Phonics is vital to reading and writing therefore is important to continue practicing at home.

Homework and Spellings

Once settled into the new routines of key stage 1, after October half term, the children will begin to be set homework tasks. Homework is set on Google Classroom each week in line with the rest of the school. Everyone will receive a login in due course. Once up and running, homework will be available from Friday afternoons and must be completed within the following 7 days. Tasks will include those such as phonics practice including the spelling of tricky words and maths. It is vital that all homework is completed as it provides an opportunity for children to practice and retain learning in class. Children's homework completion is recorded each week and those who consistently complete this will receive a certificate for their efforts at the end of each half term!

I look forward to a fun and exciting year ahead!

Miss Hinds