

Toys in school

We ask the children not to bring in any toys unless invited to for topic purposes.

Show and Tell

Show and Tell will start after half term. We will send out a timetable nearer the time. Please ensure that your child only brings in one item for Show and Tell.

The School Day

There will be teaching staff available on the playground daily from 8.35am. The whistle will be blown at 8.45am and children should line up with their class teacher. The children will be brought to the classroom by the class teacher. Please be aware that lateness is officially noted in the register and if your child arrives after 8.45am, you need to take him/her to the office.

At the end of the school day, please wait in the playground for your child. For their safety, it is important that the teacher knows that your child has seen you. Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

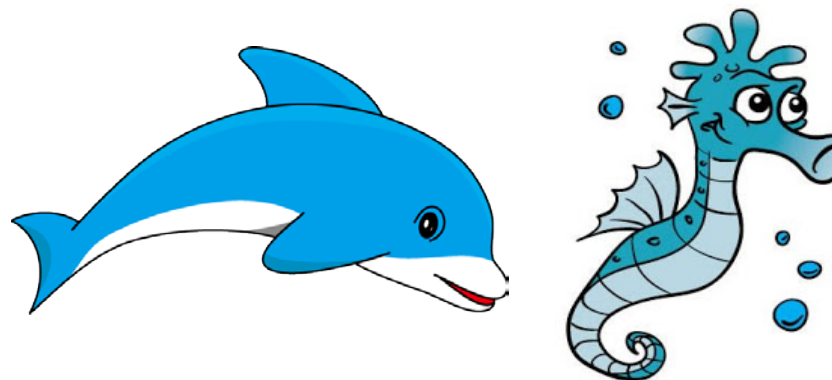
Communication

There are lots of opportunities for you to meet with us to discuss your child's progress throughout the year. However, please feel free to come and see us if you have any queries or concerns. You could catch us in the playground first thing or make an appointment to see us after school one day. Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday are best.

Absences

Please ring the School Office if your child is going to be absent or send a note of absence on their return.

Year 1 Booklet



2016-2017

Miss Barltrop
Dolphin Class

Ms Osborne
Seahorse

Dear Parents

Welcome to Year 1! We are looking forward to getting to know both your children and you this year. We have had an exciting first few weeks in school with the arrival of Traction Man. We hope that Year 1 will be filled with lots of stimulating and interesting learning opportunities.

We will build on the progress your child has made in the Reception year and provide smooth transition into Key Stage 1. We hope this booklet will give you useful information about Year 1.

At Queen Emma in Year 1 we encourage good behaviour in the following ways:

- Individual rewards for good effort, sensible behaviour (gold stars, stickers)
- Star of the week (awarded weekly in assembly for something extra special)
- Class rewards for collaborative effort

Reading and Writing

Throughout the week children will read as part of a guided group and some children will also have the opportunity to read with an adult.

Children may change their reading book every day and we recommend that your child reads at home every day. Frequent short sessions are most beneficial. Aim for at least 10 minutes per session.

The school reading scheme and book bands system provides the back bone for reading but it is important that your child reads and experiences other books as well. Encourage them to make choices about what they would like to read at home and visit the local library with them. Reading to your child develops their imagination and vocabulary. We appreciate the comments that you make in the reading records, this keeps us informed about how reading is going at home.

Please ensure your child has their reading book and reading record in school every day.

Homework

Homework allows your child to practise the skills they have been learning at school and share their learning with you. In addition to reading with your child on a regular basis, we would also like you to support your child with some short homework tasks. We have begun sending home maths challenges as well as High Frequency Words colouring pages for your children to learn by sight. Spellings and other maths tasks will also be sent home at other points in the year. If your child completes any homework, please do send it into school with them so that the class teacher can see how they got on and praise them for learning at home!

PPA teachers

This year, PPA cover for Year 1 teachers is on a Thursday. Mrs Brooke is teaching Dolphin Class and Mrs Wyard is teaching Seahorse Class at those times.

PE Lessons

Dolphin Class will do PE on Tuesday and Thursday.

Seahorse Class will do PE on Tuesday and Thursday.

Children will need a PE kit (black shorts, white T-shirt and suitable running shoes). Long hair should be fastened back and earrings should be removed/covered on PE days. All PE kit should be named and have a suitable bag to hang on their pegs. Please ensure your child's PE kit stays in school during the week as this is part of the required school uniform.

Clothes, Indoor shoes, Lost Property

It is expected that your child will wear a school uniform. Please clearly name all clothes and shoes. If items are misplaced, labels are the most efficient way to have the items located and returned. However, there is a lost property box in the Year 1 cloakroom if you need to look for items.

Indoor/outdoor shoes.

Please make sure that your child comes to school each day in a pair of clean, comfortable school shoes. They will wear these shoes all day when they are inside and they will wear them outside when it is dry. Your child may also wear these shoes when we do outdoor PE, if they do not have another pair of trainers/plimsolls in their PE bag. If the weather is very wet/ muddy/ snowy, please send your child in appropriate footwear i.e. wellies as we do not have the facilities to dry wet shoes and socks. They may then bring a suitable pair of shoes to change into. Thank you!

Water Bottles

Each child will need a water bottle in school. These should come to school and then back to home every day. They can refill them during the day from the water tap in the classroom. No juice please.

Parent Helpers are most welcome!

If you can spare any time and would like to join us in school to help in any way, please let us know. It would be lovely if you could come and listen to readers, laminate or help out on trips. If you feel able to do some cutting out at home please do let us know! We would love to have you and really value your help (regularly or on an ad hoc basis). If you think you'd like to help at any point you will need to complete some simple paperwork at the Office to ensure that statutory safety standards are met. Please ask at the school office to get this check done.

Birthdays

We like to celebrate birthdays at school. If you wish to bring in treats for your child to share with their friends on their special day, individually wrapped items are easier for them to hand out. This also allows parents to check the contents of the item, as some children have allergies. We also have a number of vegetarian children so please be aware that some sweets contain gelatine. Please ensure any food sent in to school does not contain nuts as some children are allergic.