

Homework

- All children in Key Stage 1 are encouraged to read at home as often as possible (10mins everyday).
- Lists of spellings will be sent home on a regular basis for the children to learn
- Children in Year 1 will bring home weekly maths challenge cards which can be completed at home. Once they have completed the activity they will be given a new challenge to try.
- Children in Year 2 will have a homework book in which a weekly homework task is set. This task will have a numeracy or literacy link to the work we have been doing in class. Children will receive house points for completing their homework with extra house points available for those children who complete the optional star challenge.



Expenditure

- Children will start swimming lessons and therefore contributions towards transport are greatly appreciated. The school pays for the hire of the pool, the swimming teacher and a lifeguard.
- Theatre trip to 101 Dalmatians at the Rep Theatre, Birmingham. Approximate cost £15. This is an optional trip and the school will remain open for any child not wishing to attend.
- Class trip relating to the class topic. The cost is approximately £10—£15.



Welcome to Key Stage 1

Year 1 & 2



The Lobsters

Miss Keeble, Mrs Shelley
and
Miss Williams



Class Expectations

Welcome to Key Stage 1. We are looking forward to supporting your child on the next stage of their learning journey at Abberley. The National Curriculum at KS1 is a more structured style of learning than your child will have experienced in Reception. This transition is a gradual process and your child will still have lots of opportunities for imaginative play as well as accessing activities and games appropriate for their stage of learning. As your child progresses through Key Stage 1 we will expect them to become more independent in their learning and begin to take more responsibility for themselves and their belongings.

Classroom Information

- Children will have their own labelled peg in the cloakroom and a drawer in the classroom. Children will need to bring to school each day their book bag and lunch box (if required).
- Each child should have a full school PE kit. This will remain in school and be sent home each half term for washing. Due to the unpredictable British weather, our PE sessions may change so please ensure a PE kit is in school at all times. When your child requires any extra equipment (for example outdoor learning clothes or swimming kit) we will let you know via the online weekly newsletter.
- In Key Stage 1 children will be provided with a piece of fruit each day for a healthy snack. If you wish your child to continue to receive school milk this will need be paid for after your child's fifth birthday. Please speak to the school office for more information.
- Send a water bottle with your child so they can have frequent drinks throughout the day.

Morning Routine

Between 8.50am and 9.00am children can enter school via the cloakroom door. Children will hang any belongings onto their peg, and we encourage parents to say goodbye at this point so the children can enter the classroom independently. Once inside the classroom children will put out a chair and will start their morning activity.

The teachers will remain inside the classroom between these times and are available if parents need to discuss anything with them.

Throughout Key Stage 1 we expect children to work towards becoming more independent, although we understand this is a gradual process and children will be supported in this transition. Children will begin checking their own book bags each morning, will put letters and homework in the appropriate box in the classroom.

End of Day Routine

Please collect your child from the classroom. Please wait under the oak tree to avoid congestion by the classroom door. If your child is attending Abberley Acorns they will be taken to the mobile by Acorns staff. If you are late and have not collected your child from the classroom then they will be taken to the school office. If the school office has had no communication by 3.30pm then your child will be taken to Abberley Acorns and will be charged accordingly.

Assessment

At the end of Key Stage 1 in Year 2, children are required to sit National Tests in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. These tests form part of the overall teacher assessment for the year. At the end of Year 1 children are required to sit the National Phonics Screening check. All results are shared with parents.