

Homework

Pupils will have a family reading homework Monday to Thursday evenings each week. They will have one sound homework to complete each week. They will be learning their tricky words continuously as required. There is written homework Monday night for literacy and a numeracy homework on Wednesday night.

ICT

Your child will have access to iPads, cameras, computers and interactive whiteboards to support their learning throughout the year. **ICT suite access will be restricted due to Covid-19. Pupils will still have cross curricular ICT and iPad learning in the classroom.**

Topic work in Year 1

In school we study the World Around Us (WAU) in each year group. Pupils in Year 1 will develop their WAU scientific, geographical and historical knowledge in 5 topics areas during the year, namely: Ourselves, Fairy tales, Polar Lands, New life and Mini beasts. Please read and discuss aspects of these topic areas at every opportunity at home.

Pupils will also work on their **Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities (TSPC)** throughout their topic work including: Working with Others, Being Creative, Managing Information, Problem Solving/Decision making and Self-Management. Again please encourage opportunities for your child to develop these skills at home as well. Ask your teacher for ideas if needed.

CHILD CENTRED PROVISION

At Euston Street Primary School we aim to meet the needs and aspirations of the pupils within the school. We aim to create a warm and positive whole school ethos, reflected in the attitudes of staff, pupils and parents. We also aim to provide a positive learning environment for all pupils where their learning is encouraged and developed within the context of their individual needs, talents and abilities. Please contact the Year 1 staff if you have any queries or require more information. Thank you.



PE kit

Pupils are required to participate in PE as a mandatory curricular area. PE kit is usually simply a pair of black plimsolls. However, if this is not available we will happily allow pupils to wear suitable alternatives.

Trips in Year 1

Year 1 visit the Cinema in December and the Farm in May each year as part of their New Life Topic. There is usually a cost for the trip. **No trips**

take place due to Covid-19 restrictions.



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Administration

Pay dinner or milk money using Edu Spot.

We operate a Healthy Eating school policy for break and lunch. Please send in healthy items for snack and lunch. The school canteen will serve healthy dinners on these days with chips served once a week.

All policy documents are discussed with the Board of Governors, staff, school council and parents. For more information please read the full policies on the school website. www.eustonstreetps.co.uk

Before & After school clubs and activities

In Euston Street Primary we offer a very wide range of after school activities and courses. These include Waiting Class, Breakfast Club, football, badminton, hockey, tennis, choirs, ICT Coding, netball, running, Scripture Union, Dance, Film, Eco, and art. Many of these only operate for Year 4 upwards. We would encourage you to get your children to participate in the wider life of the school. Contact Mrs Harper for more information. **No clubs are currently taking place due to Covid-19 restrictions.**



PTA

We have a new PTA in Euston Street Primary. They will always welcome new members and helpers for events. Information regarding the PTA is on the school website.

Thank you for reading this information.

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What to expect in Year 1

'Achieving Excellence Together'

Information for parents/guardians

www.eustonstreetps.co.uk

Thank you for taking time to read this information on what to expect this year in Year 1. This leaflet can also be found on the school website @ www.eustonstreetps.co.uk under 'Parents' and 'Curriculum'. If you have any questions or need assistance please phone the school office on 02890457089. The school office put you in contact with the relevant person for your enquiry.



Position	Name
Principal Safeguarding	Mr John Armstrong
Vice-Principal Safeguarding	Mr Fulton
Head of Foundation & Key Stage 1	Mrs Rainey
SENCO/	Mrs R McKeown
Year 1 Teachers	Mrs Rainey Mrs Gillespie
Secretary	Mrs Vincent

SAFEGUARDING in Year 1

Please read the tri-fold leaflets, the school policy or notices on school entrance doors on Child Protection/ Safeguarding/Pastoral Care/e:Safety/RSE for important information. In Euston Street, we understand that we have a primary responsibility for the care, welfare and safety of the pupils in our charge. This charge is taken very seriously and we always carry out this duty as effectively as possible.

WHO TO CONTACT

If you have a concern regarding the safeguarding of pupils in school please contact:

Designate Child Protection

Teacher Mr Fulton (pictured)

Deputy Child Protection Teachers

Mr John Armstrong/Mrs S McKersie

(Nursery)/Mrs McKeown (SENCO)

Mr Young & Mr Shivers (pending)

(BOG Safeguarding).



PASTORAL CARE in Year 1

Euston Street Primary School is committed, above all else, to providing each pupil with the best opportunities to develop his or her full potential, socially, academically, morally, emotionally and physically. If you have any concerns please contact the class teacher or Mr John Armstrong.



CITIZENSHIP AND BEHAVIOUR in Year 1

The purpose of our school's policy for behaviour and citizenship is to:

Encourage and praise good behaviour;

Prevent and discourage inappropriate behaviour;

Deal with inappropriate behaviour in a fair and consistent manner;

Develop behavioural skills in the pupils that will benefit both them and the community in which they live and learn.

Use class **Traffic Lights** to encourage good behaviour; Rewards and sanctions all centre around the **Golden Rules** below:

Do be kind and helpful

Do be gentle

Do listen

Do work hard

Do be honest

Do look after property

UNIFORM

Please see the prospectus on the school website for details.

Numeracy

As you will hear, your child will have a lot of knowledge and skills to work through in Year 1. They will need your on-going support. The areas of Numeracy in Year 1 are:

Number

Counting forward to 20 and backwards from 20

Counting in 1s and 2s to 20.

Number before, after, between within 20

Addition / Subtraction

Ordering numbers

Number bonds in up to 5 (e.g. 2 and ? = 5)

Understand oral problem solving

Money—adding and making amounts

using 1p, 2p, 5p, coins



Data Handling

Using tree, Carroll and Venn diagrams for sorting (Google them if unsure!)

Block graphs and pictographs for representing information



Measure

Know days of the week in order

Know o'clock and half past times

Understand length, weight and capacity

Shape and Space

Know names and recognise 2D and 3D shapes—square, rectangle, circle, triangle, hexagon, pentagon—cube, cuboid, cylinder, cone,

Understand positional words— forwards, backwards, up, down, beside, between...



Literacy

There are lots of reading, writing, and phonics activities to get through in Y1 and this work will also need your on-going support.

Phonics

In Year 1 we focus on Jolly phonics. A sound homework will be sent home each week to practise the sound.

Reading

In Year 1 we start reading in November

A word wallet will be sent home with tricky words that do not follow the sound patterns that need to be learnt using the 'look and say' approach.

Pupils need to read daily. We have silent reading time in school each day and guided reading activities with the class teacher. Family readers will be sent home each week to actively encourage reading at home.

Writing, punctuation and grammar

We will be concentrating on correct formation of lower case letters and writing their name independently.

We will use . and ? during writing activities.

