

# PARENT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 1

September 2023-24



# Year 1 Team

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## Y1 Dragonflies

Teachers:

Ms Zak



Support Staff

Ms Bradburn

## Y1 Bumblebees

Teachers:

Ms Capone (Mon-Wed)

Mrs Piyiotis (Wed-Fri)



Support Staff

Ms Foster (am)

Ms Featherstone (pm)



# Tetherdown Values

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Where *happy* children  
are *inspired* to be  
the *best* they can be.

- Lead with kindness,
  - Feel the laughter,
- Inspire achievement,
- Nurture friendships,
  - Share the magic...
    - Exceed expectations!

# Behaviour for Learning - Our school rules

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# School day

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Start time: 8.50 (Gates open between 8.40-8.55)



Children are marked in as an unauthorized late at 9.00

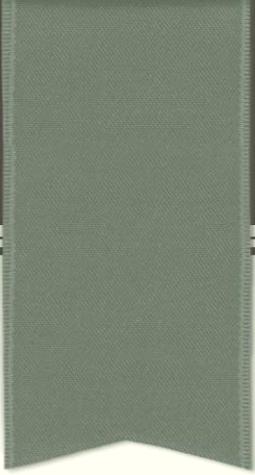


End time: 3:20 (Infants),



Gate: Upper Playground

- Break Times:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> break: 10:00-10:15
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> break: 11.00-11.10 (snack)
  - Lunch times: 12.00-1.15pm
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> break: 2:10-2:25
- **Adults in the Playground: Health & Safety Guidelines**
- **Pet Policy:** Please ensure dogs remain off the ground.
- **Scooter Safety:** Kindly prevent children from riding scooters.
- **Climbing Frame Restrictions:** The upper playground's climbing frames are off-limits for all children.



# YEAR 1 LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

- Self-regulation to help resilience - it is ok to make mistakes, we can learn from them!
- Motivation – work hard and try their best
- Creativity
- Problem solving - making mistakes, critical thinking and independence

# Highlights of our exciting curriculum

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- Topics: Who am I?, Seasonal Changes, Once upon a time, Under the sea, Green fingers, Carnival of animals
- In Year 1, we work closely with our Outdoor Learning Practitioner, Cath Demitriou, who will be offering a timetabled Outdoor Learning session on a half termly basis for all children in our Lower Phase.
  - These sessions will be planned with our Forest School trained teacher and our Outdoor Learning Practitioner and will link with our National Curriculum subjects. Teachers and TAs will also be supporting these sessions.
  - The sessions will be run in our school grounds and on Saplings outdoor space (Treehouse), with the view to take them out to our local woods as the year progresses.
  - We would appreciate the children bringing wellies into school for these sessions. Waterproof outdoor clothing will be provided by the school.

# STEAM Focus (Professional Development) 2023-24

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Science – Sustainability Project

Computing – New curriculum, coding using Scratch devices developing digital leaders and creators

Maths – Cross curricular links and being confident mathematicians.

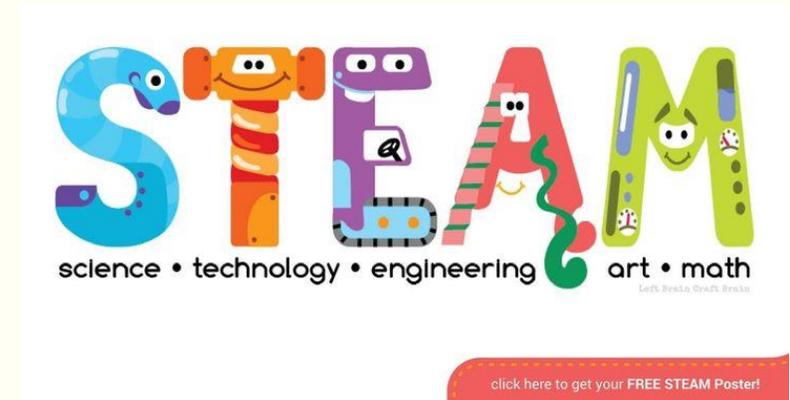
D.T. - New curriculum (similar to the arts curriculum)

STEAM Projects

Request for Parents with STEAM background – to talk to children

Email your details to Ms Etan (Y3 Parrots) either [getan@tetherdownschool.org](mailto:getan@tetherdownschool.org) or [admin@tetherdownschool.org](mailto:admin@tetherdownschool.org).

Events Week and Summer Exhibition will focus on STEAM and the children's learning.



# Curriculum (all these documents available from 19<sup>th</sup> September)

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## Curriculum Maps

- Please go to the school website which will inform you of the curriculum taught this year.  
<https://www.tetherdownschool.org/page/?title=Curriculum+Maps+Y1%2D6&pid=92>

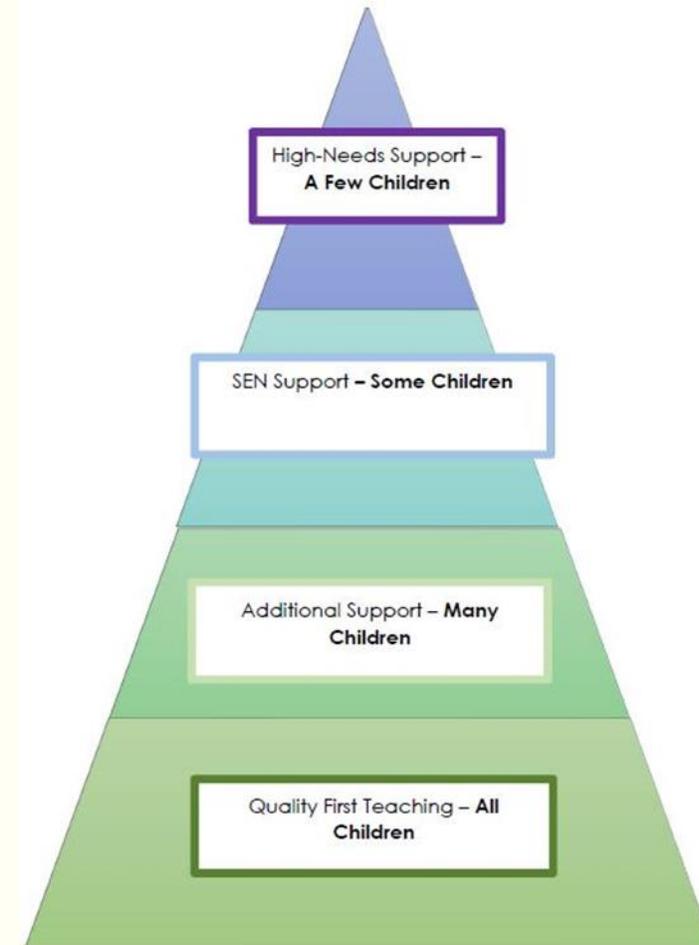
Curriculum letters – will contain more detailed information, these will be emailed each half term. Also available on website

- <https://www.tetherdownschool.org/upper-phase-y3-y6>
- Specialist Mandarin Teachers from the London Confucius Institute at London Southbank University: Ms Nancy
- Music will be led by Jonathan Kitching
- PE taught by Sonia Da Silva

# Inclusion

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- In the morning, TAs (one per Year group) will be in class supporting learning.
- Sometimes children will need additional support for a short period e.g. handwriting practice, extra phonics practice – this will be organised by class teachers and delivered by teaching assistants in the morning. This is part of Universal Offer.
- Some children (13%) will need support for longer or may have complex barriers to learning. In this eventuality, we will call you to discuss further support, assessment and ways forward.
- These children will then access a new type of support called SEN Support which is managed and supervised by Inclusion Lead – Mrs McMeakin. She organises termly review meetings and also has Open Day Meetings on the same days as Parent consultation days.
- Children accessing Special Educational Needs (SEND) provision will be entered in the SEND school census. Evidence-based SEND Interventions take place in the afternoon. A range of TAs will be delivering these.
- Only 1%-2% of our school population will have high-needs support i.e. an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP). This provision is delivered by specialists or supported by peripatetic professionals.



# Home Learning on TEAMS

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- Home learning will be set via **TEAMS** every week (set on **Thursdays** to be completed by the following **Tuesday 8pm**): reading/phonics (20mins), Maths (White Rose Maths) and Topic home learning. At least once per half term, topic-based learning will also be set which will further develop the children's knowledge.
- Exercise books will be given out for children to complete their work in and then to take photographs to upload on to teams
- Home learning is followed up in class and the teachers will continue to train and guide the children on how best to use Teams.
- Please make sure that your child has a comfortable place to work at home and access to a computer. If computer access is limited, please inform your child's class teacher.
- A few children will have adapted home learning.
- Please read our general notices regularly, this will inform you of assemblies, local trips, workshops and may include other messages of importance.
- We expect ALL children to complete their home-learning. If your child does not complete their homework on TWO consecutive occasions, we will provide an opportunity to complete in school, and we will email you to explore why your child has not completed their home-learning.

# Reading – Home Learning

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Your child must be reading every day (20 minutes)

The school has a 'banded' system of reading books that link to the varying stages of children's reading skills.

Our library is quite extensive! The children will have the opportunity to borrow a book from the class library. They will choose a book for you to read to them.

Individual Reading Books will be changed weekly. Your child will be given a designated day to return their books. Please sign and date the Yellow Reading Records or we will assume you have not yet read the book at home.

Within the next few weeks, we will endeavour to provide all children with their first book. Until then, please read with your child daily.

Phonics - Please ensure you use the correct pronunciation of phonemes and graphemes. If you need any support with this, please talk to one of the Year 1 teachers.

# Reading Passports

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- Each year group has 6 books for the children to read over the year. These will be in addition to the children's whole class texts and reading books.
- Books are high level, engaging and at or above reading expectations for that year group
- The books include poetry, non-fiction and fiction.
- Outcome: Children will be asked to write a review of the book once read and submit as part of their homework on Teams. Each time a child has completed a review of the book, the child can ask the teacher to sign this off on their passport.
- All children who complete their passport before the end of the year will receive a Reading passport certificate which will be presented in assembly.

# Maths – Home learning

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- Maths home-learning will be linked to the White-Rose Maths sheets which will be posted on to teams. Each sheet has an accompanying video:

(<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>)

- Extension tasks will also be placed with home-learning.
- A few children will have adapted math home-learning to match their learning journey.
- Should you wish to further consolidate or reinforce the weekly learning in the class- you may use the videos and worksheets.

# Healthy Pupils

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PE days:

➤ **Wednesdays and Fridays**

- Please come to school in your PE kits on these days.

(PE Kit: Tetherdown blue t-shirt or a plain blue t-shirt, sweatshirt, shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers or plimsols)

- Please note if your child does not have correct PE kit: trainers, jogging bottoms and T-shirt then they will be given a reminder and if they forget their kit again the next week, they will miss the lesson due to health and safety. (If they have unsuitable clothing e.g. boots, they may miss the immediate lesson.)
- Stevenson's Website to order PE kits <https://www.stevensons.co.uk/> (also available on Tetherdown Website)
- Friends of Tetherdown hold a second-hand PE kit sale throughout the year. (Summer Fayre)

- Snacks will occur; please pack fruit and vegetables (no sweets/nuts). Please remember we are a **no nut school**.
- Please send in labelled water bottles.
- Packed lunches - all rubbish from children's packed lunch will remain in lunchboxes and returned home so that you can discuss likes/dislikes.

## Birthdays

- Please do not bring edible birthday treats due to being 'Healthy School' and children's allergies/intolerances. However, we would welcome a book to add to the library.
- Please choose a book that your child has enjoyed reading or speak to the staff at Muswell Hill Children's Bookshop as they will give excellent recommendations.

## E-Safety

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- Parents and teachers are responsible for teaching children the skills to use the internet safely. Recently added to Keeping Children Safe Policy, filtering and monitoring at school.
- No mobile phones or watches with mobile data in school.
- There are more details about E-safety on the school website. In light of the increased use of the internet and issues that arise, we strongly encourage all parents to read and understand more about E-safety and what you can do to keep your child safe online.
- Please remember that no photographs taken by parents on school trips may be shared on any social media sites.
- All parents are asked to give/deny permission for photographs to be shared on our website and in our Newsletter.
- The annual Parent E-safety meeting on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 6pm

# Visits and Workshops

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- We aim to provide at least one trip/workshop per half term linked to the current topic- please see our curriculum maps
- With the rise in cost of living we will be mindful of all our trip costs and use public transport and we would welcome as much help as possible.
- Letters will be sent out in advance (one month where possible) which include payments via ParentPay.

| Autumn 1                        | Autumn 2   | Spring 1         | Spring 2        | Summer 1                   | Summer 2                       |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| English                         | Science  | History          | Art/DT          | Science                    | Geography                      |
| Who am I?                       | Seasonal Changes   | Once Upon A Time | Under The Sea   | Green Fingers              | Carnival Of Animals            |
| Local Walk<br>Cherry Tree Woods | Synagogue<br>St James' Church<br>(Christmas Experience)<br>Little Angel Puppet Theatre | St James' Church | London Aquarium | Allotment<br>Highgate Wood | London Zoo<br>Cherry Tree Wood |

# Communication

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- Our website is a source of much information. Please use this as your first place to find information, thus supporting our office staff who are overwhelmed with current enquiries. [www.tetherdownschool.org](http://www.tetherdownschool.org).
- We may be able to speak briefly in the playground at the end of day.
- For a phone call or TEAMS meeting appointment with your teacher, please email directly. Please be aware that as we are teaching or attending meetings after school, you will not get an immediate response and we will respond within 5 working days.
- **Open afternoon: Friday 13th October 2.45-3.30pm:** A time to visit your child's classroom and look at your child's books.
- **Tuesday 3rd October and Wednesday 11th October: Parent Consultations** will be held on Teams (10 minutes per parent) this half term dates to be confirmed.
- On the SAME day, we also provide a separate opportunity to discuss any new SEND concerns with Mrs McMeakin. This SEND surgery is called "SEND Open Door".
- Y1 Class Reps:
  - 1BB - Linzi (Gabriel's mum)
  - 1BB - Gemma (Elle's mum)
  - 1BB - Barbara (Landon's mum)

# Communication

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- We have a monthly newsletter, a school website [www.tetherdownschool.org](http://www.tetherdownschool.org) and twitter so please follow us @Tetherdown School

When emailing the office:

- Please write down the child's full name and class in the subject line
- Reporting your child's absence/illness/medical appointment or general query [admin@tetherdownschool.org](mailto:admin@tetherdownschool.org)
- Any issues around debt or finance please use [finance@tetherdownschool.org](mailto:finance@tetherdownschool.org)
- Any issues with Breakfast Club please use [breakfastclub@tetherdownschool.org](mailto:breakfastclub@tetherdownschool.org)
- Any issues with After School Club please use [afterschoolclub@tetherdownschool.org](mailto:afterschoolclub@tetherdownschool.org)

Class Teacher emails:

- Dragonflies:
  - Kasia Zak: [kzak@tetherdownschool.org](mailto:kzak@tetherdownschool.org)
- Bumblebees
  - Carmela Capone: [ccapone@tetherdownschool.org](mailto:ccapone@tetherdownschool.org)
  - Sylvia Piyotis: [spiyotis@tetherdownschool.org](mailto:spiyotis@tetherdownschool.org)

# School Clubs

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- Choirs Y1-Y3 led by Ms Williams (Music Subject Leads) on Tuesday 8.20-8.50
- Orchestra (Thursday 8.20-9.10)
- Breakfast club (managed by Ms Geen-Moore ) and afterschool club (managed by Ms Woodward)
- Sports provision during lunchtime and part of afterschool club (managed by The Elms Sports – Janaye Reid)
- Sports Provision (led by PE coach Ms Da Silva) – Haringey Sports Competitions and Sports afterschool clubs
- External Extra Curricular Clubs (lunch time and afterschool) please find on the Tetherdown Website: <https://www.tetherdownschool.org/clubs-and-activity-camps>

# Thank you

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As always, we thank you for your continued support as we embark on another exciting year, where we have the highest expectations for your children to excel in all they do here at Tetherdown.

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