



Welcome to Crystal Class

'Learn together, Shine forever'

Year Overview

Our themes (and values) for this year are:

Autumn Term

'Magnificent Me' and 'It's a Magical Time'
(Hope and Peace)

Spring Term

'Our Wonderful World' and 'Once Upon a Story'
(Respect and Forgiveness)

Summer Term

'All Creatures Great and Small' and 'Amazing Adventures' (Community and Faith)

Love is an overarching value.

Class Timetable

A typical day in Key Stage 1:

Our school gates open at 8:40, with registration at 8:50.

Phonics/ Guided Reading

Collective Worship (Assembly)

Maths

Break

Literacy

Lunch

R.E.A.L Curriculum

Home time is at 3:05 for KS1

Snacks and water

All children in Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free piece of fruit every day. Children do not need to bring any other snack. If they do wish to bring their own snack, please make sure it is healthy (no chocolate or sweets).

Your child will need to bring a water bottle to school every day. Water is the **only** drink allowed in the classrooms.

Meet the Team

Class Teachers



Miss Helps



Mrs Spry

(Thurs AM)

Teaching Assistants



Mrs Sweeting

PE

PE is on a Friday morning. Please make sure that your child comes into school with a suitable PE kit and that all items are named. PE kits should include:

- Dark blue/ black shorts (outdoor & indoor PE sessions)
- Black jogging trousers (outdoor PE sessions)
- Plain white t-shirt / polo shirt
- Plimsolls (outdoor & indoor PE sessions) – Velcro fastenings are essential for younger children
- Trainers (outdoor PE sessions)
- School Jumper

Uniform expectations

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform and appropriate shoes (no trainers). A polite reminder that children are only allowed to wear small, stud earrings and are not to wear nail varnish to school.

Our Partnership with Parents

We value our links with parents and aim to keep you updated regularly on the children's learning and key events, through Showbie, the school website, Facebook and Twitter. Every child is given a Showbie username and login, which can be found at the front of their reading record. We use Showbie to send messages to parents and occasional photos or videos. You will also find some guidance on how you can help your child with their home learning.

Reading

Practice is the only thing that can help a child to improve their reading! Please listen to your child read as often as you can to increase both their fluency and confidence. Comprehension is also very important and children should be able to answer a variety of questions about what they have read. There is a letter on Showbie, under the file 'Reading Homework' which will give you more information on how to help your children develop their reading comprehension and their love for reading. Please sign your child's yellow reading diary when you have read with them even if they have not finished the book yet. We change books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday but ask that they bring their book in every day in case they need to read with an adult.

Spellings

Each half term your child will be given a set of common exception words to learn to read and spell. Common exception words are words that do not make sense if we sound them out. They are words we just have to remember to read and write by sight. Each term, the focus spellings can be found attached to your child's reading record. Please help your child to read and spell these words each week. They will then be assessed on them during the last week of half term.

Maths (Numbots)

Numbots is our new and exciting online learning programme for the children in Key Stage 1. This is now instead of Doodle Maths. On Numbots, the children complete a range of challenges focusing on their quick recall of number facts. As they complete the challenges they earn parts for their robots. Each time a robot is completed, they will receive a certificate for their hard work. The children will be given time on Numbots each week in school, but would benefit greatly from also doing so at home. The Numbots app can be downloaded on apple and android devices and each child has their own username and password. These can be found at the front of their reading records and on Showbie under the folder 'Maths Homework (Numbots)'.

A peek at our classroom



Phonics Screening Check

The Phonics Screening Check is a national requirement carried out on all pupils at the end of Year 1. The purpose of the screening check is to ensure your child is on track for reading. These reading checks are carried out on a 1:1 basis and done so discretely in school. The children in Year 1 will be completing the check in the Summer term. The Year 2 pupils (who were due to complete theirs last year) are now required to complete theirs in the second half of the Autumn term. More information and dates to follow soon.

Trips

Now that school trips are allowed to go ahead, we are currently working together to plan some trips and visitors throughout the year. We will inform you of these later in the term.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please do not hesitate to catch a member of the team after school. We are always happy to help 😊