



Welcome to Puffins!

An introduction to life in Puffins Class



Changes.

Moving from Reception to Year 1 can often look a bit like this...



What does life in Puffins look like?

Everyday we will have...

- A phonics lesson
- An English lesson
- A Maths lesson
- Assembly
- A non-core lesson in the afternoon.

We have Reading Groups 3 days a week where every child will have the opportunity to read with an adult.

Movement breaks are incorporated into learning time through the day.

Towards the end of Year 1 all children will be expected to take part in a Phonics Screening Check.

What a typical lesson looks like.

10 - 15 minutes of teaching input on the carpet.

20 minutes of an Activity back at the table (either independent or adult led)

10 minutes of reflecting on what we have learnt and sharing our work with each other.



How does a mixed-age class work?

The children will all have exposure to the same whole class teaching. Once the children go to complete their activity, the work that they are given will be differentiated according to their year group and ability. Questions will be targeted due to our knowledge of the children. All NC objectives will be covered for both Year 1 and Year 2 throughout the year.



Routines.

These include

- Coming in on their own in the morning and putting their own things away
- Lining up to move around the school
- Knowing when to stop and listen
- Tidying up after themselves
- Trying to use break times for trips to the toilet
- Remembering to have a drink at break and lunch time

These things take time but the more we do them, the more the children will increase in independence as we move through the year.

School Uniform

Sometimes items of uniform will go missing for a day or so and will then return.

Please help us by naming your child's uniform.

28 school jumpers all tend to look the same!



Homework

Homework will come home weekly and it will consist of -

- Spellings to learn for the weekly spelling test (these are all words taken from the list of Common Exception Words that the children are expected to be able to read and write independently by the end of Year 1 and 2)
- A piece of Maths or English work which will be related to the weeks learning.
- A non core piece of work related to a subject that we are finding out about
- Daily reading at home



Coming up...

Outdoor Explorers to start this week.

School clubs to start next week.

Learning Outcome 2/20/24 @9.05am

Homework project 21/10/24

Harvest

Autumn 2 travelling theatre group visiting more details to follow...

Need more time to talk?

Please contact Mrs Hall on

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If you would like to talk to me further.



Any questions?