



**Ashbrook School**

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Inspiring Futures  
through Learning

# Curriculum Parent Presentation

Year 1

Mrs Watkins and Miss Begum

# Typical Day

- ▶ Children enter the classroom after putting away coats and bags
- ▶ Sit at tables and complete the handwriting letter of the day
- ▶ Register and check-ins
- ▶ RWI phonics - the children move to their groups around the school
- ▶ Whiteboards out ready to complete their FB4 in Maths and fluency
- ▶ Maths until 10:25 then break time
- ▶ English
- ▶ Lunch 12-1pm
- ▶ Afternoon varies but includes subjects - Science, PSHE, Geography/History, Music, PE (twice a week), RE, Art/DT, spellings
- ▶ Story
- ▶ Assembly Monday (values) Wednesday (story/ singing), Friday (celebration)

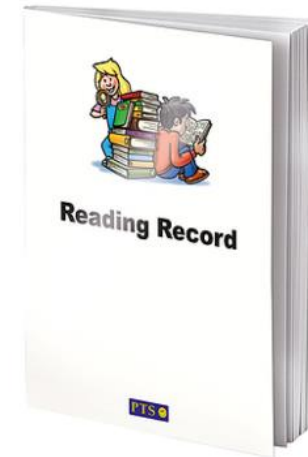
# Curriculum Overview

- ▶ This is the first year of the National Curriculum and, like all year groups, Year 1 follows the government statutory schemes of learning.
- ▶ Phonics is a big part of Year 1 and we follow RWInc. Your child will continue to expand on their knowledge of phonics and will probably surprise you with just how quickly they develop their reading. They undertake phonics learning each day. They learn tricky Red words, spelling rules and how to Fred talk (sound out), pinch their sounds, Fred in their head to aid them with their reading and writing.
- ▶ In June there is a year 1 phonics screening test which helps us to identify if your child is secure in sounding out and blending graphemes. It also detects if they can read decodable words.
- ▶ Lessons are exciting and we link cross-curricular learning as much as possible. The children will learn to plan and write their own wonderful creative stories, design posters and leaflets. They will learn to write in sentences and to use exciting language – all while improving their handwriting.
- ▶ Maths lessons this year start with FB4 and include plenty of hands-on activities. Now that the children are using numbers over 20, they learn to use a 100 square to help with their adding and subtracting. Number bonds will also be reinforced and they will learn to count forwards, backwards, in 2s, 5s, 10s, 20s, and they will double and halve. Again, always learning in a fun and engaging way.

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- ▶ There are a wide range of subjects covered in Year 1, and your child will undoubtedly have their personal favourites. Some of the Year 1 activities include:
- ▶ experiments (Science) and product design (DT)
- ▶ learning the history of things (History) and about the local area we live in (Geography)
- ▶ dancing, playing games and using gym apparatus (PE)
- ▶ painting, drawing and more creative processes (Art)
- ▶ They will also develop their social skills and empathy for each other during RE and circle times.
- ▶ Year 1 is an important year for your child's increasing independence. The days are so varied and busy, the hours just fly by!

# Reading

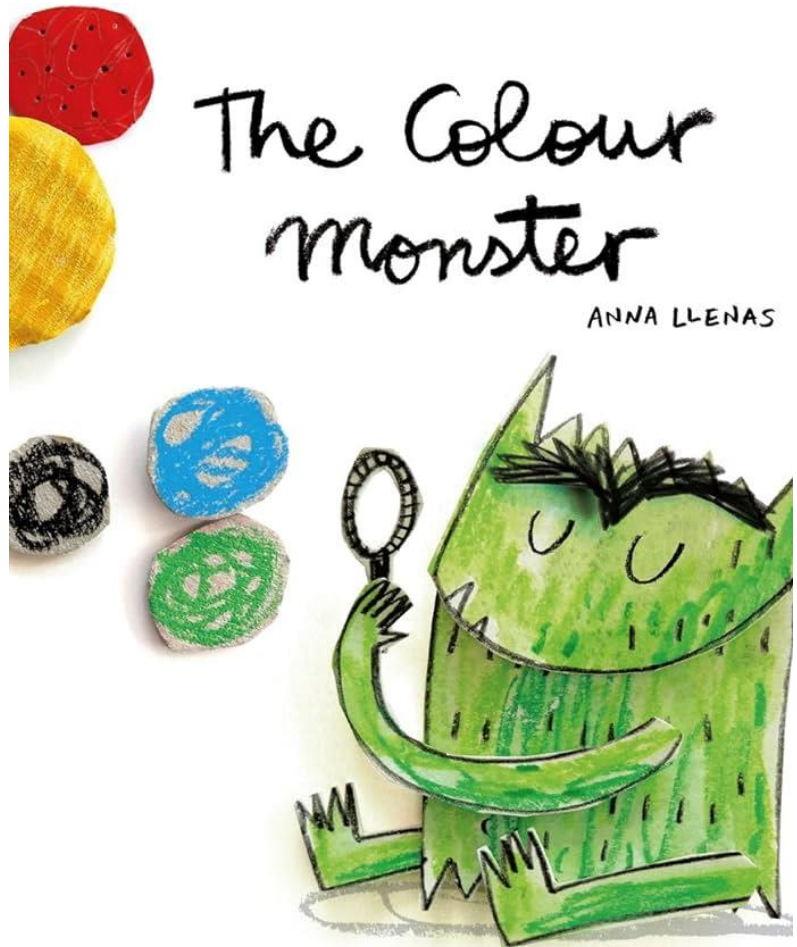


Are you a reading  
star?

Reward	Points
Bronze	5 ★
Silver	15 ★
Gold	25 ★
Platinum	40 ★
Diamond	60 ★

5 reads/  
1 filled page/  
signed in reading record = 1 x





# Colour Monsters

- ▶ At Ashbrook School, our children's wellbeing is our number one priority. To help the children develop an understanding of their emotions we use a key text 'The Colour Monster'.
- ▶ During their time at Ashbrook children become familiar with the language used to describe a range of feelings that we all experience. We support children by validating their feelings.
- ▶ How do we use 'colour monsters' to support children?
- ▶ The children learn about the feelings associated with the different colour monsters and then add their named stick into the corresponding jars in class. Staff will support children if they are feeling sad, worried, angry or upset.
- ▶ Understanding children and their emotions is key to their success in school. Sometimes we support beyond the colour monsters through early help and other nurture arrangements in school.

# Our Values and Aims

## School Values

- ▶ Caring
- ▶ Co-operation
- ▶ Responsibility
- ▶ Respect
- ▶ Patience
- ▶ Perseverance

## Curriculum Aims

- ▶ Successful learners
- ▶ Effective contributors
- ▶ Responsible citizens
- ▶ Confident individuals



# Rewards & Celebrations

- ▶ Assembly time is used to explore our values and learning aims. We celebrate the children's achievements in demonstrating the values on a daily basis with our stars in the jar and class rewards. These are revisited through our 'School Awards' presented every Friday and at the end of each half term.
- ▶ All children are allocated a house when they join the Ashbrook family. The children work towards a collective reward celebrated at the end of each half term. The stars are earned when children display our key values.





# School Council

Play Leaders

Eco  
Warriors

House Captains

Youth  
Parliament

Digital leaders  
(coming soon!)

Librarians

# Home Learning

- ▶ Every week the children bring home their home learning books on a Friday. It will include two Flashback 4s from the week's maths lessons and a reasoning task that they have also completed that week for consolidation.
- ▶ The spellings are adapted according to the children's phonics levels and these are tested on a Thursday. They are taken from the Year 1 common exception words.
- ▶ Please help your child complete their home learning and to practise their spellings.
- ▶ Completed home learning needs to be handed in by the following Wednesday.

# How to support your child at home

- Attendance
- Punctual arrival
- Daily reading practice (recorded in reading diaries - this all helps to contribute to the children's reading stars!)
- Support spelling practice

# Communications

- We have an open-door policy, please approach any member of the staff if you have an urgent query or concern
- Website
- Parent mail is used to inform of special dates, events and reminders
- Curriculum overview of learning at the beginning of each half term (emailed and available to view on the website)
- Sway Newsletter at the end of each half term (emailed and accessible via the website and Facebook page)
- Half termly coffee mornings
- First aid

# How to keep in touch



Our SWAY newsletter is not to be missed! Which is full photos and videos bringing you an update on what exciting learning opportunities the children have participated in over the half term.

Our Facebook page has the latest update on what is happening in our school community

<https://www.facebook.com/AshbrookSchoolMK>

Our website has all the upcoming dates of events that will be taking place over each half term.

[Ashbrook School](https://www.ashbrook-school.co.uk)



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# Questions

We welcome any questions you may have?