

Dear Parents and carers,

A very warm welcome back to everyone, and a big welcome to our new parents. We are excited about the year ahead. It was great to see all the children, staff and classrooms looking so good yesterday!

There are a few changes to make you aware of before the year begins.

We are excited to let you know that this year our school will be introducing the ARK Mathematics Mastery Curriculum across our classes.

The ARK approach is designed to ensure that every child develops a deep, secure, and long-term understanding of mathematics. It places strong emphasis on:

- Mastery for all – ensuring every pupil gains a solid foundation before moving on.
- Fluency and confidence – children practise core skills until they are secure, reducing gaps in knowledge.
- Reasoning and problem solving – pupils are encouraged to explain their thinking and apply maths to real-life situations.
- Visual and practical learning – lessons use concrete resources and visual models to build strong understanding.

What this means for your child:

- Lessons will be carefully structured to build step by step.
- Children will have more opportunities to talk about their maths learning and share their strategies.
- There will be a balance between practising skills and exploring challenges that develop deeper thinking.

We believe this approach will help all our pupils grow in confidence, enjoy mathematics, and well prepared for the future.

If you would like to find out more, we will be holding an information session for parents on during our soft starts on Thursday mornings. You can also visit the ARK Mathematics Mastery website for further details.

This year we will also be working on developing values around respect. We are teaching children to treat others how they would like to be treated themselves. We embed and promote fantastic displays around our school which show some of our other values underpinning respect: love, thankfulness and compassion. We will be teaching all children these values developing good role models across the school.

Thank you, as always, for your support.



Infant & Nursery School

Year 1

Weekly Newsletter

5th September 2025

Please visit us on our website:

www.yeadinginf.co.uk

and Instagram account

https://instagram.com/yeading_infants

You will find all school information,
updates, term dates and up & coming events

Welcome back! ☺

Literacy

This week we have been writing about our holidays and their first day in Year 1.

Next week we will be looking at predictions and recall.

Keywords: Adventure , trip , exciting, fruit, vegetables, healthy, exercise, rest, rules.

Phonics Screening Baseline

Please practise your child's knowledge of Phonics.

Children will be assessed on their 'Phonics' knowledge and blending skills over the next couple of weeks.

Maths

This week we have assessed children's knowledge of counting, greater, less than, numberlines, ability to name fundamental maths resources. We also practiced careful counting and writing the number in figures 1-20.

Next week we will be continuing with counting, representing numbers within ten and composition of numbers.

Science:

Next week we will be creating self-portraits and labelling parts of the face.

Foundation Subjects

History - My family - please send in a baby picture of your child by 9th September 2025.

R.E. - What makes me special?

Islam will be our first topic this term.

PSHE - Circle time and rules

Art/DT - following instructions to create a drawing.

Question of the week

What are you looking forward to in Year 1?

Word of the week

New

Write a sentence explaining the meaning of our word of the week.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Dates to remember:

Meet the Teacher - Thursday 11th September at 2:30pm.

The meeting will be held in your child's classroom

- **Phone-free zone** - Yeading Infant School is a phone-free zone. Please ensure phones are put away while collecting your child.
- **Park and stride** - Please park away from school near the church or park when dropping off your child and walk into school.
- **Nut allergies** - Just another reminder that we do not allow any nuts on school grounds including food that 'may contain nuts'
- **Reading** - Please read with your child daily, write a comment in the yellow home/school diary and ensure that his/her book bag is brought in daily. Books are changed every Monday and Thursday.
- **Homework** is given out on a Friday and give back to the teacher on the following Monday
- **Class Photographs** will be taken on Tuesday 23rd October 2024. Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform.
- **Cooking contributions** - please donate towards your child's cookery lessons. Teaching assistance will collect this from you at drop off and pick up times.

A polite reminder

You must ensure you arrive to school by **8.45am**. Lateness has devastating effects on teaching and learning process in the school which has negative impacts on school standards, pupils' academic performance, absenteeism and distractions for other pupils.

- **Early morning soft starts** are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Parents will be allowed into the classroom to help their child learn with guidance from their class teacher at 8:45-9:00am
- **PE Sessions**
Ruby & Amber Tuesday
Topaz & Amethyst Mondays
Additional sessions TBC
- **Class Photographs** will be taken on Thursday 23rd October 2025. Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform.

Curriculum meeting

Our year one **curriculum meeting** is taking place on Wednesday 24th September at 9.10am in the school hall.

USEFUL WEBSITES

- Phonics - <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>
- Mr Thorne Does Phonics with Geraldine the Giraffe on YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sW4j8p7k9D_qRRMUsGqyw
- Phonics play - www.phonicsplay.co.uk
- Top Marks - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

Have a good weekend!

Year 1 Team ☺