



The Leader in Me

Here at the Queens' Federation, the 'Seven Habits of Effective People' are an integral part of our school curriculum. Our aim is to develop skills that will promote learning for life and develop leaders of the future. All children's academic achievements, self-confidence, resilience and potential will be supported and developed. Through the consistent use of the 7 habits we can inspire the children to be the best they can be — at home, at school and in the wider community. We will continue to link these to the learning animals that children discussed in Reception.

7 Habits



Habit 1: Be Proactive
I am responsible for my own learning and actions.

- Have a 'can do' attitude and try our best in everything we do.
- Stop, think and make good choices.
- Take responsibility for our actions and outcomes.

Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind
I plan ahead and set goals. I understand the importance of learning for life.



- Set a goal.
- Make a plan on how to achieve that goal.
- Persevere if things get tough.



Habit 3: Put First things First
I focus and concentrate on work first and then on play.

- Do the important things first.
- Stay focused and concentrate.
- Manage challenges and distractions along the



Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw
I know how to look after myself and be the best that I can be.

- Take care of ourselves, look after our heart, body, mind and spirit.
- Balance time between school, out of school activities, family and friends.
- Enjoy learning new skills and seek ways to become a better person.



Habit 4: Think Win-Win - I am positive, resilient and work with others to solve problems creatively.

- Look for solutions to problems.
- Be kind and respectful, use courage and consideration when communicating and working together.

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood - I listen first and then talk. I respect myself and others and celebrate my global community.

- Share own ideas and opinions.
- Listen to other people's ideas and opinions without interrupting.
- Try to understand the views and opinions of others even though they may be different to our own.



Habit 6: Synergize - I work and learn with others and take pride in my achievements and environment.

- Communicate and listen carefully to others.
- Value other people's strengths and talents and learn from them.
- Know that we can get more done and create better ideas and solutions when working as a team.



Learning Animals

Animal	What does it mean
Responsible Rhinoceros	We are responsible for our own learning and actions.
Be Egg, 1st Donkey	We have goals and plan our learning. We understand the importance of learning for life.
Concentrating Crocodile	We focus and concentrate on our learning
Win-Win Wombat	We are positive, resilient and work together to solve problems creatively.
Kind Kangaroo	We listen first and then talk. We celebrate difference and respect ourselves and each other.
Teamwork Tiger	We work and learn together and take pride in our achievements and environment.
Mindful Mouse	We know how to look after ourselves and be the best that we can be

Behaviour Expectations

In Year 1 we encourage good behaviour in many ways...

* Children will be rewarded with individual 'house point' tokens, which we are pleased to be introducing in KS1 this year, for demonstrating use of the '7 Habits' in and around school. Good effort and positive behaviour will also be rewarded with house points. House points are counted at the end of each half term.

* Each week two children from each class are selected to receive a special certificate in our 'Celebration Assembly.' This year our certificates will celebrate use of the '7 Habits.'

* The whole class work together to receive 'class sunshines.' When the class has received 10 sunshines, the children are rewarded with activity time.

Your child will belong to one of our four houses. Siblings are placed in the same house and during the year a range of mixed year group house activities will take place.

Pegasus House

Phoenix House

Centaur House

Griffin House



Home Learning

This year home learning will comprise of three weekly tasks:

Reading - we expect all children to read at home or be read to at least 5x each week. When you have read with your child, please comment and sign their reading section in the homework diaries. Reading plays such an important part in our curriculum, it is essential that children develop a love of reading and enjoy reading a wide range of texts.

Spelling - We will send spellings home weekly. The spellings will include all of the words that the children should know by the end of Year 1.

Number Facts - to link into our 'Teaching for Mastery' approach, children will be asked to practise weekly number facts. This could link to counting, ways to make a specific number or learning number bonds to 10. Please see our 'No Nonsense Number Fact' booklet which identifies the key facts children will be focusing on each half term. The booklet can be found on our school website. We ask for the children to be able to have instant recall of these key facts to support their mathematical learning in school and therefore daily practice, for just a few minutes, which you can make a quick record in the Home-School Diary is the best way to support your child with this.

Star of The Week

Each week we will have a star of the week. They will be able to take home a special teddy and then write about their weekend to share with the class.

Toys

We ask that the children do not bring in any toys from home.

Birthdays

As a celebration of your child's birthday we would love you to donate a book for the class to read. These are labelled with the child and allows us to share a love of reading.

This is also a great way to support our healthy eating within school.

Parent Helpers

We would like to welcome parent helpers to listen to children read or share experiences linked to learning.

If you think you would like to help at any point in the future you will need to complete some simple paperwork at the office to ensure that statutory safety standards are met. Please email or call the school office to find out about this check.

Attendance Information

Here at Queen Edith, school attendance is very important. The headteacher's permission must be sought if you wish to take your child out of school during term time. This is done by completing a form, available from the school office. Each application will be looked at on an individual basis. We are unable to authorise holidays in term time, however, the headteacher is able to authorise absences for exceptional circumstances. A penalty notice may be issued for 3 consecutive unauthorised absences where the absences are neither exceptional or unavoidable.

Thank you for taking the time to read this booklet. We hope it may have answered some of the questions you may have about Year 1. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further queries and questions.



Welcome to Year 1 at Queen Edith Primary School

Welcome to Year 1!

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your children this year and hope that Year 1 will be filled with lots of stimulating and interesting learning opportunities. We will build on the progress your child has made during their Reception year and provide a smooth transition into Key Stage 1. We hope this booklet will give you some useful information about Year 1.

This year Daisy Class will be taught by Ms Cumiskey and Iris Class by Miss Ougana. Throughout the year we will share information and photographs of our learning on our school website. You will also find information and updates about whole school events too. Do have a look: www.queenedithschool.org.uk. Each week you will receive News of the Week via parentmail, this will contain details of the learning and any important information. If you have any messages, please feel free to talk to teachers at the end of the school day or email the school office.

Our School Day

Children and adults may arrive on the KS1 playground from 8:45. There will be a teacher on the playground if you have any questions. At 8:55 the whistle will be blown, then children may walk to their lines at the reception entrance and say goodbye to grown-ups before going into school. Please be aware that lateness is officially noted in the register.

The Year 1 school day ends at **3.30pm**. Please wait in the KS1 playground by the main school office doors for your child to be dismissed by their teacher. For their safety, it is important that the teacher knows that your child has seen you. For this reason, we ask that you wait until all the children have been released to their adults before approaching the teacher, if you have a query or question. Thank you for your cooperation and patience with this.

If someone else is coming to collect your child, please ensure that your child's class teacher has been notified either by calling or sending a message via the school office. Please also contact the school office if your child is going to be absent from school.

There are lots of opportunities for you to meet with us to discuss your child's progress throughout the year. However, please feel free to contact us if you have any queries or concerns. You can do this via Email or a phone call to the school office.

Physical Education (PE) Lessons

Children will need to come to school wearing their PE kit on the day that their class is having PE.

Year 1 have PE on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Their PE kit should be black shorts and a white t-shirt on warm days and track-suit bottoms and a long sleeved top on colder days. Long hair should be tied back and earrings should be removed on PE days.

Year 1 Topics 2024—2025

Autumn 1: Me, Myself and I

Autumn 2: Action and Adventure

Spring 1: Around the World

Spring 2: Knights and Castles

Summer 1: How Does Your Garden Grow?

Summer 2: Under the Sea

What does my child need in Year 1?

Children are expected to wear school uniform at all times. Please ensure that all items of clothing and shoes are clearly named.



Please ensure that your child is fully equipped with appropriate clothing for the weather. This will include a coat, hat and gloves during colder times and a sun hat during warmer weather.



During warmer weather, children must have their shoulders covered.



Your child will need a named water bottle in school. These should be brought to school and taken home again everyday. Children are encouraged to refill their water bottles during the day from the water tap in the classroom if necessary.



Your child's school shoes should be clean and comfortable. The children will wear these shoes outside for playtimes and therefore should be supportive for running around.

In Year 1 and Year 2 children will be provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable as a snack at morning break time.

What will my child learn in Year 1?

By the end of Year 1, your child should be able to...

Reading

- Blend sounds in unfamiliar words
- Speedily give the correct sound to graphemes (letters or groups of letters) for all phonemes
- Read words containing the taught graphemes
- Read common exception words
- Read words containing –s, –es, –ing and –est endings
- Read words with contractions (I'm, I'll, we'll)
- Use their phonic knowledge to read texts
- Re-read texts to build up fluency and confidence in word reading
- Link what they have read or heard read to their own experiences
- Listen to and discuss a wide range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry at a level beyond that at which they can read independently
- Retell familiar stories in increasing detail
- Recite simple poems by heart
- Discuss word meanings and link new meanings to those already known
- Check that a text makes sense to them as they read and to self-correct
- Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far
- Begin to make simple inferences
- Discuss the significance of titles and events
- Join in discussions about a text, take turns, listen to what others say and explain their understanding

Writing

- Say sentences out loud before writing
- Write sentences in order to create short narratives and non-fiction texts
- Use some features of different text types
- Re-read their writing to check that it makes sense and make suggested changes
- Read writing aloud so it can be heard by their peers and the teacher
- Use adjectives to describe
- Use simple sentence structures
- Use the conjunction (joining word) 'and' to link ideas and sentences
- Use a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week and the personal pronoun 'I'
- Leave spaces in between words
- Begin to punctuate sentences using capital letters and full stops, question marks or exclamation marks
- Spell all words containing previously taught phonemes accurately
- Spell all Year 1 common exception words and days of the week accurately
- Use –s and –es to form regular plurals correctly
- Use the prefix 'un'
- Add the suffixes –ing, –ed, –er and –est to root words
- Spell simple compound words
- Write lower case and capital letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place with a good level of consistency

Mathematics

Number and Place Value

- Count to and across 100, forwards and backwards beginning with 0 or 1 or from any given number
- Count, read and write numbers to 100 in numerals, count in multiples of two, five and ten
- Identify one more or one less than a given number
- Identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line and use the language of equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most and least

- Read and write numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals and words

Addition and Subtraction

- Read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs
- Represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20
- Add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including zero
- Solve one-step problems that involve addition and subtraction using concrete objects and pictorial representations and missing number problems such as $7 = ? - 9$

Multiplication and Division

- Solve one-step problems including multiplication and division by calculating the answer using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays with the support of the teacher

Geometry – Properties of Shape

- Recognise and name common 2D shapes (e.g. rectangle, circle, and triangle)
- Recognise and name common 3D shapes (e.g. cuboid, pyramid and sphere)



Reading in Year 1

Reading is an integral part of our learning in Year 1. We aim to develop a love of reading and will enjoy many times together during each week sharing a wide range of stories, poems and non-fiction texts. **Please ensure that your child has their book bag containing their reading book and Home-School Diary in school every day.**

At school, children will read as part of a guided group and individually with an adult. We encourage the children to read or be read to at least 5 times a week at home. Reading every day at home would be even better! Frequent, short sessions of between 5 and 10 minutes are most beneficial. If your child is keen, do read for longer! Eventually, children will be given the responsibility of changing their own book at school. Every read at home helps your child's class to move towards the next country on our KS1 'Around the World Reading Race'. This is an exciting competition to see which class does the most reading during the year, with certificates given along the way.

Reading to your child develops their imagination and vocabulary. We appreciate the comments that you make in the Home-School Diaries as this keeps us informed about how reading is going at home. Children's reading books will be changed at least twice a week, however, please enjoy re-reading the book if it has not been changed. You can always discuss the text using a different set of questions to help aid their comprehension.

The school reading scheme and book banding system provides the back bone for reading in school but it is important that your child reads and experiences other books as well. Please encourage them to make choices about what they would like to read at home and visit the local library with them.

Maths Mastery

Our aim at the Queens' Federation is for all children to enjoy mathematics and have a secure and deep understanding of fundamental mathematical concepts and procedures.

Children are taught to be **fluent** in the fundamentals of mathematics, **reason** mathematically using mathematical language and apply their knowledge and understanding to **problem solving** tasks. In order to achieve these aims for all pupils, we have begun to embed a 'Teaching for Mastery' approach in Mathematics.

'Teaching for Mastery' ...

**Is achievable for all - high expectations and a positive 'can do' attitude help children develop resilience in the face of a challenge*

**Promotes deep and sustainable learning - lessons are designed with careful small steps*

**Builds on prior knowledge - pupils' learning of concepts is seen as a continuum across the school*

**Provides children with opportunities to reason about a concept and make connections - pupils are encouraged to make connections and spot patterns between different concepts (e.g. the link between division and fractions) and use precise mathematical language*

**Promotes conceptual and procedural fluency - maths moves from one context to another (using objects, pictorial representations, calculations and word problems). There are high expectations for pupils to learn key number facts, times tables and develop a true sense of number.*

**Problem solving is central - this develops pupils' understanding of why something works so that they have a true appreciation of what they are doing rather than just learning to repeat routines without grasping what is happening*

**Provides challenge through greater depth - rather than accelerated content, teachers set tasks to deepen knowledge and improve reasoning skills within the objectives of the year group*

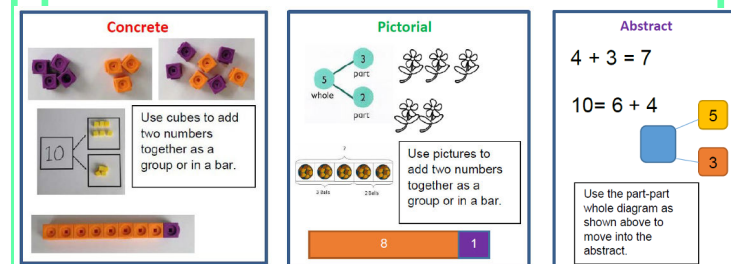
Teaching for Mastery has a CPA approach at its core.

Concrete - providing children with objects and resources to manipulate in order to demonstrate their mathematical thinking

Pictorial - providing opportunities for children to represent their mathematical thinking through diagrams, images, drawings or models

Abstract - providing opportunities for children to become more familiar with formal mathematical representations including signs, symbols and digits.

For example... when teaching addition...



Reasoning: Talking and thinking like a mathematician...

Mathematical language often uses common words in a new context e.g. table or right. It is crucial that children have a secure grasp of mathematical vocabulary. You can help at home by encouraging your child to explain how they have solved a problem and work with them to test, prove and explain patterns.

In school we use a variety of questions and prompts to boost children's mathematical thinking. Children answer questions in complete sentences using accurate mathematical vocabulary. Reasoning about and discussing maths problems in a way that others can understand demonstrates a depth of understanding - another fundamental aspect of mastering mathematics.

I already know that ... so ...

The pattern I noticed was ...

This is true here because ...