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Thank you for your support in making the beginning of the new school year run so smoothly and calmly. The children have all settled in extremely well and appear keen and eager to learn! They all look very smart in their school uniforms!

This year in Year 1, we have Mrs Brown (1AB) and Mrs Lewis (1CL) and they are both very excited to welcome our brand-new Year 1 children!

Within Year 2, we have Mrs Elwell (2DE) and Mrs Chambers (2LC) and they are both loving seeing the transition from Year 1 to Year 2!

The children within Year 1 and 2 also have the opportunity to work with our wonderful Teaching Assistants: Mrs Green, Mrs Massa and Mrs Nash.

Within Year 1 and 2 we are very lucky that our weekly PPA sessions (Teacher's Planning, Preparation and Assessment sessions) are covered by, Mrs Saint, Mrs Watson and Mrs Richardson.



We have amazing teaching assistants that help our children enter school in a calm manner on a morning to ensure the best possible start to the school day. If you have any queries or questions then they are here to help you and will pass them on to your child's class teacher. Thank you so much for being patient at the end of the school day as well. It is great to be able to welcome all parents to the classroom door at the same collection time and in order to keep everyone safe it is greatly appreciated that collection is as quick and smooth as possible (although it will take staff some time to recognise our lovely new families!)

Reading

Children will continue to have a Reading Record book for you to add a comment when you hear your child read. Bookbags will be sent home each Friday and need to be returned to school the following Monday.

Your child will bring home a book of their choice ('Read with me') and their Little Wandle decodable text. The children are really enthusiastic about sharing their progress and love showing their new skills (decoding, prosody and comprehension).

Please ensure that reading books are returned to school every Monday as they are required for other groups.

Lost books may incur a charge.



Homework

We will be setting homework tasks for the children every Friday. We will continue assigning these via Seesaw. If you have any problems with accessing your child's Seesaw account, please contact your child's class teacher. New QR codes will be sent home as last year's will expire.

Children continue to enjoy using, 'DoodleMaths'. This is tailored to your child and practises concepts that will help to fill any gaps in their understanding. Using DoodleMaths for just 10 minutes a day is proven to help children make three months of progress in just one month!

Once the Year 2 children have settled, we will begin setting spelling tasks on Spelling Shed which children can access at home. Login details will be sent home shortly.





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Phonics

A big focus for Year 1 children this year is phonics. We will support parents with this throughout the year as we prepare for the Phonics Screening Check. Next year, the Phonics Screening Check will be held during the week commencing 9th June 2025.

PE

Children will need to come into school in their school PE kit and trainers. This consists of navy tracksuit bottoms, a white t shirt and navy tracksuit top. Year 1 and Year 2 PE day is THURSDAY.



Year 1 Curriculum overview

Science - Materials and their properties.

History - The invention of the steam train

Geography - The environment around us.

Art - Trains through art - drawing, painting and collage.

DT - Moving vehicles

Computing - Logging on and off, Colour Magic and Seesaw.

PE - Indoor - gymnastics
Outdoor - Ball skills

Music - Pulse, rhythm and melody.

R.E - Belonging and Baptisms.

Year 2 Curriculum overview

Science - Living things and their habitats.

History - The Gunpowder Plot.

Geography - The United Kingdom.

Art - Art in the natural world and the work of William Morris.

DT - Food technology

Computing - Creating, saving and retrieving using Microsoft Word.

PE - Indoor - throwing / catching.
Outdoor - Moving and passing.

Music - Pulse, tempo and rhythm.

R.E - Special books.

Lost property



From time to time, children leave their jumpers, coats, water bottles and packed lunches. To make it easier for us to return these items to you, please check that your child's name is written on them.

Marvellous Me

We use the Marvellous Me app to send quick reminders home and let you know about your child's achievements. If you need a new join code for the app, please contact your child's teacher and this can be reprinted.



We are looking forward to working with all our wonderful children and their families in Year 1 and 2 and know that your child will continue to thrive at Ingleby Mill. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support, it is very much appreciated!

With many thanks,
Year 1 and 2 Staff

