



# Welcome to Year 1 Parent Coffee Morning



7th September 2026

# Who are your child's key adults?

## Year 1 Teachers and TAs



**Ms Amy**

Head of Year 1  
1A Class Teacher



**Ms Yan Yan**

1Y Class  
Teacher



**Ms Tien**

Year 1 Teaching  
Assistant



**Ms Chau**

Year 1 Teaching  
Assistant

# Who are your child's other key adults?



**Ms Leanne**  
Head of EY & Primary



**Ms Tina**  
Early Years and Key Stage 1 Assistant Head  
Campus Manager  
Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Ms Lucy**  
Cover Teacher



**Ms Alex**  
Music



**Ms Aimee**  
PE



**Ms Agnes**  
Librarian and Cover Teacher



**Nurse Nicole**



**Mr Minh**  
Swimming



**Mr Thanh**  
Swimming



**Ms Celena**  
EY & Primary Office Manager



**Ms Ngoc**  
Office



**Ms An**  
Office

# What Can You Expect in Year 1?

Year 1 is an exciting step as your child moves from Early Years into Key Stage 1. You will see your child grow, build confidence, and make new friends. They will practice reading and writing letters every day, with a special focus on phonics (sounds). They will enjoy new and exciting lessons across different subjects.

Beyond learning, children will build essential habits—following daily routines, focusing independently on tasks, and exploring new ideas. Supported closely by their teachers in a warm, vibrant environment, they will gain everything they need to be happy, confident learners.



# What Will Your Child Learn This Year?

## Core Subjects



### English

In English lessons, children will discover exciting stories like Supertato, Somebody Swallowed Stanley, and Farah Loves Mangos! These fun books inspire wonderful creative writing, including fun story retells, friendly letters, and even a speech written from a spider's point of view. Through these engaging tales, students learn to write simple sentences, use basic punctuation like capital letters and full stops, and build a rich vocabulary.



### Maths

In Maths, children will build confidence with numbers up to 100. They will practice simple addition and subtraction, explore fractions like halves and quarters, and learn to tell the time. Students will also enjoy hands-on activities to measure objects and discover the shapes of everyday 2D and 3D objects.



### Science

In Science, children will become young scientists and explore the wonderful world around them through fun, hands-on activities! They will investigate everyday materials, observe seasonal changes, and learn about plants, animals, and the human body. By testing, sorting, and asking questions, students will build their curiosity and learn how the world works.

# Humanities & Languages

- **History** - Children will travel back in time to explore how life has changed over the years! They will compare modern transport in Saigon with travel long ago—from bicycles to airplanes. Through these fun topics, students will build a clear understanding of time and learn how we discover facts about the past.
- **Geography** - Children will deepen their understanding of the world by exploring the local area of our school, District 7 and Ho Chi Minh City. We will use basic map skills to read and create simple maps and keys.
- **Vietnamese** - Children will learn phonics in Vietnamese at their very early stages. Throughout the year, they will build their reading and writing skills using the basic knowledge they have learned. They also explore other areas of the language through topics like Moon Festival, Tết holiday and family.



# Creative & Digital

- **Art** - Children will express their creativity through drawing, painting, sculpting, and printmaking! Inspired by global artists, they will explore exciting techniques while building essential skills like pencil control, colour mixing, and understanding shapes.
- **Design & Technology** - Children will dive into exciting projects following a design process. They will build strong homes for the Three Little Pigs, craft moving cards, and use textiles to make a treasure bag. They will also learn safe knife skills to prepare delicious, healthy snacks!
- **Music** - Get ready for an action-packed year of music making as Year 1 embarks on an exciting musical journey! Pupils will travel the world through music, compose their own weather soundscape, and build pitch and pulse skills. From playing a wide variety of percussion instruments to performing in our festive showcase, your young musicians will build confidence and creativity every step of the way!
- **Computing** - children will learn how to use computers, tablets, and simple technology safely. They will learn how to follow step-by-step instructions (algorithms), solve problems, and create basic computer programs and digital art.



# Personal Development & PE

- **PSHE** - Children will learn to express their feelings, build kind friendships, and celebrate what makes everyone unique! They will discover how to stay safe and healthy, care for the planet, and build habits for positive wellbeing.
- **Physical Education** - Children will jump into fun gymnastics and dance lessons! They will practice key skills like balance, jumping, and moving safely using music and rhythm to perform exciting group routines.
- **Swimming** - Children will build confidence in the water while practicing key skills like floating, kicking, and gliding! Following our Swim Pathways program, they will learn to balance, move smoothly, and enjoy being active in the pool.



# What Trips and Special Experiences Will Your Child Have?



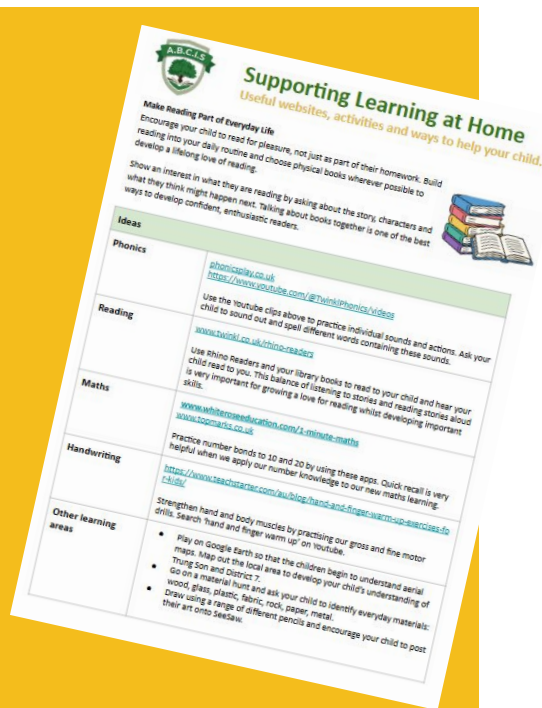
## Learning Outside the Classroom:

Exciting school trips are coming! We are taking Science outside the classroom. On our trip to Marina Park, Year 1 children will explore nature up close. They will look closely at local plants and flowers, learn how they grow, and discover the natural world right in our community!

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# Supporting Learning at Home



We hope you have received our new, improved Termly Curriculum Overview, designed to give you a clear picture of what your child will be learning each term. We have also included a dedicated 'Supporting Learning at Home' page, packed with practical tips, useful websites and simple ways you can reinforce learning and encourage a love of learning at home.

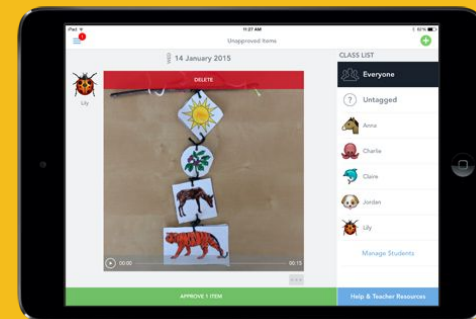
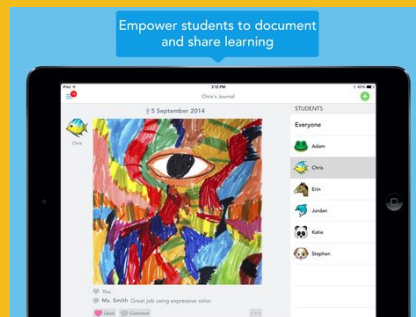
# Stay Connected with Seesaw

Download the Seesaw app and connect to your child's account using the QR code provided.

Through Seesaw, you can:

- See important information
- View photos and learning
- Stay up to date with your child's experiences

Having trouble connecting? Please speak to your child's class teacher for support.



# A Few Helpful Reminders

 Homework is set every Tuesday and should be returned by Monday.

 Seesaw is used regularly to share learning, resources and occasional assignments. Please ensure your child has access to a computer or device at home.

 A copy of the weekly timetable is included inside homework books to help remember PE and swimming days.

 If your child is finding homework challenging, please encourage them to speak to their teacher as soon as possible.

 Medication must be given directly to the School Nurse with a completed medication form, available on the school website.

 Birthdays are celebrated on Fridays. Please contact your child's teacher at least one week in advance if you would like to arrange a class celebration.

 Celebrate Success! We love hearing about our children's achievements outside of school. Whether it is sport, music, performing arts, languages or another accomplishment, please do share it with us—we enjoy celebrating these successes with the wider school community.

 Need to contact us? Please contact the School Office at [office@theabcis.com](mailto:office@theabcis.com) , or email your child's class teacher directly: [amyreilly@theabcis.com](mailto:amyreilly@theabcis.com) or [yanyan@theabcis.com](mailto:yanyan@theabcis.com) . We are always happy to help.

# Your Questions

**Q:** Does my child need to bring in a morning and/or afternoon snack?

**A:** Yes we no longer provide these. We encourage children to bring in healthy snacks such as fruit & veg, seaweed, crackers or milk.

**Q:** What should my child bring to school every day?

**A:** A water bottle, hat and their folders. Although homework only needs returning on Monday, we sometimes send things home in the children's folders.

**Q:** How much homework will my child get? What else can we do at home to support?

**A:** There will be two tasks sent home each week. We prepare one vietnamese task and one english or maths. The english and maths tasks alternate from week by week.

**Q:** Can we use Seesaw to send direct messages to my child's class teacher?

**A:** All messages should be sent directly to the teacher or through the office via email or a phone call. Seesaw is not currently being used for this purpose.