

Welcome to Key Stage One

At Hounslow Town Primary School, Key Stage One is the important bridge between the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and Key Stage two. In this phase children transition from play-based learning to more structured and formalised learning. It includes our five Year 1 classes and five Year 2 classes, with children aged from 5-7. In addition to the 10 classrooms, each year group has a group room where interventions are carried out and the Busy Learning Area, predominantly accessed by our Year 1s, with some Year 2 children also benefitting. More information on this can be found at the back of this booklet.

Our Aim is to provide a happy, stimulating learning environment where all children are celebrated and where we promote good learning, development and behaviour.

The National Curriculum

We follow the National Curriculum and teach each subject discretely but often make links between the subjects so that children are able to learn in a cross curricular approach, where appropriate.

We also work to develop the characteristics of effective learning.

National Curriculum Subjects		
English	History	Computing
Maths	Geography	Religious Education (RE)
Science	Art and Design Music	Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship and Economic Education (PSHCE)
Design and Technology	Physical Education (PE)	

Phonics

We follow a national programme called 'Letters and Sounds' to help your child learn phonics. The model we adopt is 'Revisit, Teach, Practise and Apply' which enables your child to become familiar with different phonemes. In both Year 1 and 2, children are split into groups according to their phonics and reading skills which enables the teacher to focus on specific targets for children in their group. By the end of Year 1, it is our hope that your child will have covered each of the six Phonics phases in order to take the compulsory Phonics check in June. Those who do not take it or do not pass it, will take it the following year in Year 2.

Book Bags

These should be in school daily and will contain a book and a reading record. The reading record will enable you to support your child to develop their reading. The expectation is that you read with your child for 15 minutes daily and comment in the reading record. Comments can be in English or your home language if you prefer. Please check your child's bag regularly for letters and homework.

How Do You Know How Your Child is Progressing? Staff are always happy to talk to you about your child's progress at a convenient time, which is usually at the end of the school day as it is preferable to settle the children as quickly as possible at the start of the session. There are Parent's Evenings in Autumn and Spring and you will receive a written report on your child's progress at the end of the academic year.

Other Ways to Help Your Child:

- Encourage your child to be as independent as possible
- Please name everything including socks and shoes
- Teach your child to dress and undress themselves
- Volunteers are welcome for reading and trips
- Try to attend Parent Events and Workshops. If you can't attend in person please try to arrange for somebody to support your child.
- Encourage your child in all their efforts and learning