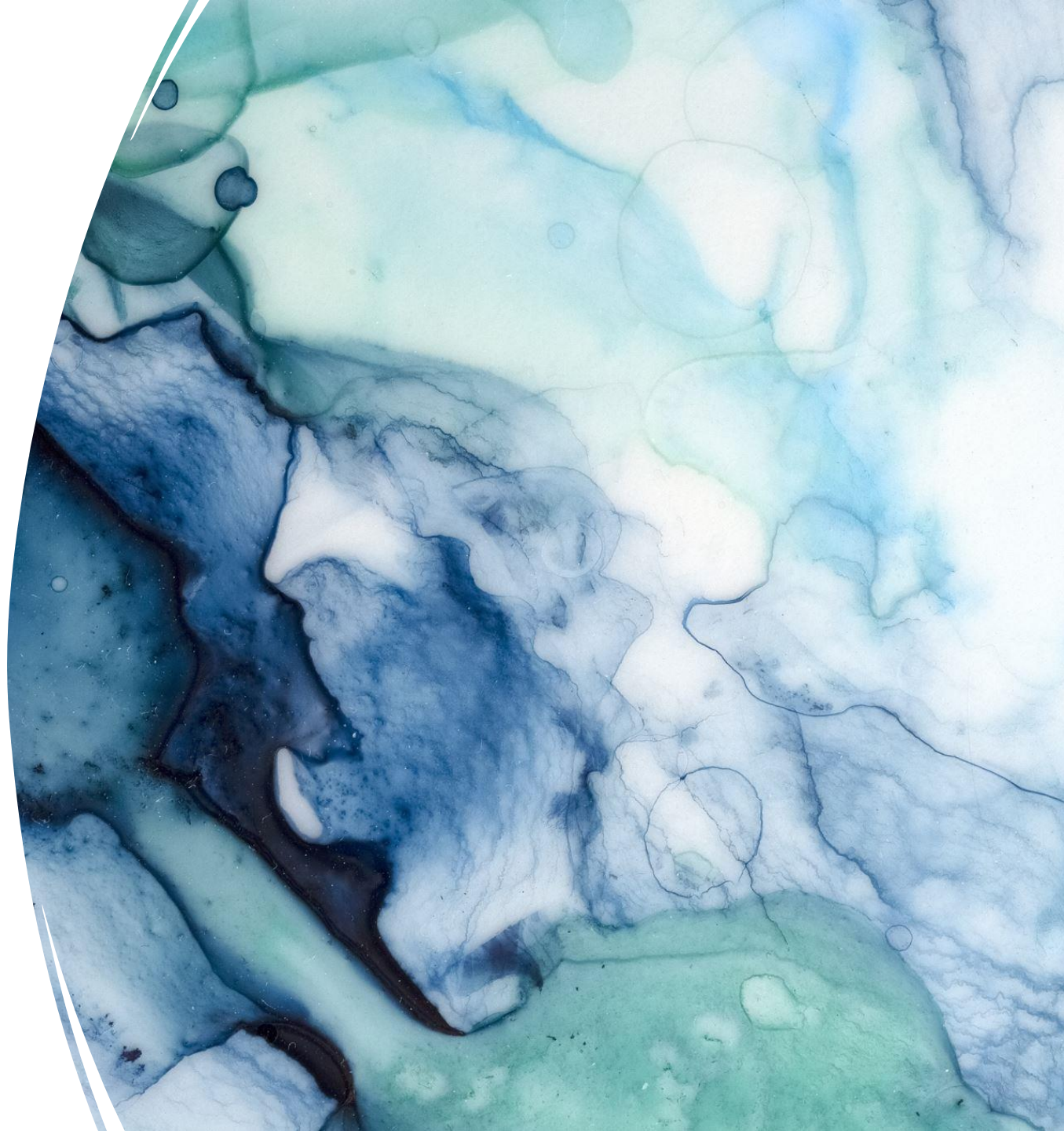


Welcome to Year 1



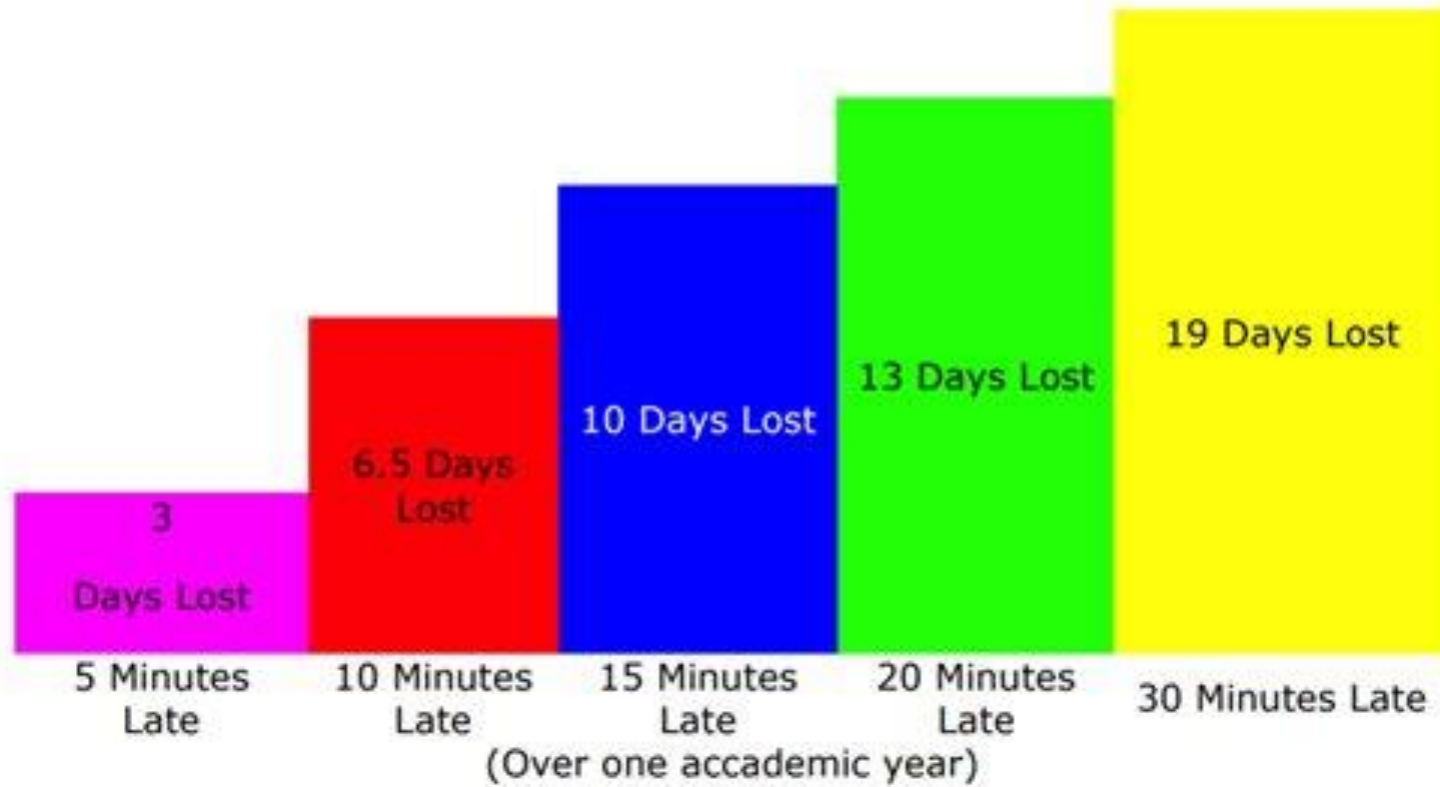
Chestnut Class Teachers and LSA's.

- **Miss Ellis** – Mon- Wed
- **Mrs Dennis – Launder:** Thurs - Fri
- **Mrs Old** – All mornings
- **Mrs Watts-** Mon – Tues
- **Mrs Heath-** Wed - Fri

The importance of school attendance.

Every Minute Counts

If you arrive late to school everyday your learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



365 days in each year

175 non school days a year					
175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
365 days in each year	190 School days in each year	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence Half a term missed	
		180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	38 days absence
					47 days absence
	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%
	GOOD Best chance of success Gets your child off to a flying start		WORRYING Less chance of success Makes it harder to progress		SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child Court action

Our Year one curriculum - Topics

- Topics change every half term.
- 3 History Topics
- 3 Geography Topics



Discovering the unique cities of the United Kingdom



Toys from our past



Discovering Little Waltham



Wonderful Wildlife

Transport through time



The great British vacation

Our Year one curriculum - Science

- Topics change every half term.



P.E Curriculum – Tuesday & Friday

AUTUMN



Fundamental skills, Team building,
Fitness and Target games

Spring



Dance and gymnastics

Summer



Striking and fielding & Net and Wall games,
Athletics

P.E Curriculum – Tuesday and Friday

- Please ensure hair is tied back.
- Earrings are not worn on these days, staff are not allowed to remove earrings nor are we allowed to tape them over. Unfortunately, if earrings are worn, then they will have to miss their PE session.
- Appropriate footwear for PE sessions.

Home learning

- Guided reading books and a shared reading book will be sent home on a Monday.
- Homework and spellings will be sent out on a Friday and should be returned on Wednesday.
- Spellings are tested on a Thursday.
- All children should aim to read at least 5 times a week and a comment written in the yellow Reading Records.

Homework

- Spellings- The children will receive 5 words each week. These words are the words that we are learning to spell in our daily Little Wandle Phonics Sessions so the children will be familiar with them. Please use the method- Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check when helping your child learn their spellings.
- Mathematics – This will be based on the work the children have been learning in their maths lessons that week.
- We encourage all children to complete the homework and to try their very best, all homework should be neatly presented using a pencil in their homework book.

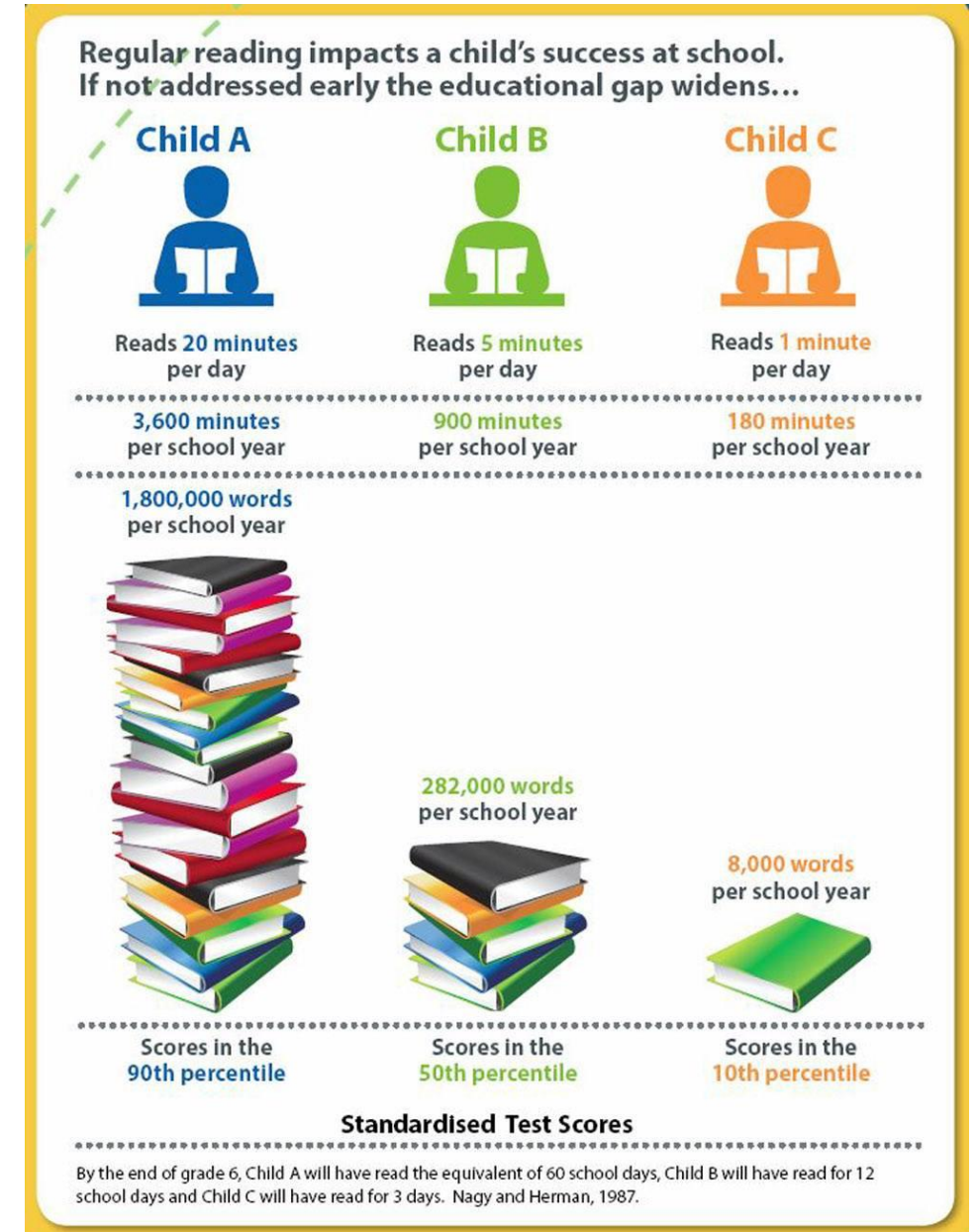
Reading at Little Waltham

Reading is a key life skill. Research tells us that children who read regularly have:

- ✓ Their vocabulary is larger and more extensive.
- ✓ They perform better academically.
- ✓ Their imagination can run wild.
- ✓ Their creativity skills develop.
- ✓ They develop empathy.
- ✓ They gain a deeper understanding of their world.
- ✓ Their concentration levels improve.
- ✓ The parent and child bond improves.
- ✓ Their cognitive development is supported.
- ✓ Their social skills and interaction improve.

How you can help at home:

- Discuss the books your child is reading with them
- Share a book at home
- Value different genres and types of reading– non-fiction, newspapers, biographies etc.
- Encourage children to complete their reading journal task.
- Read at least 5 times a week.



SCHOOL READING LIST

Year 1 books - our recommended reading list



To read more about these books for year 1 children aged 5-6, visit <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk>

School trips

- Local walk
- Colchester zoo
- Afternoon tea



How to support your child at home

- Reading or discussing books at home - both school and story books.
- Visiting the library.
- Play boardgames and card games together.
- Role play games.
- Practise counting, number recognition, mental arithmetic skills.
- Supporting handwriting and number formation and encouraging neat presentation at home.



Open door policy

- Speak to us at the end of the day.
- Email through to the office.
- Phone in to the school office.
- Leave a message with the adults on the gate.

Thank you for all of your support