



Denham Village School

CURRICULUM MEETING

Birch Class
Year 1 and Year 2

September 2025

Our Vision

Branching out and growing together

At Denham Village School we pride ourselves in offering our pupils a broad, rich and varied curriculum. Our vision and values are at the core of everything we do and underpin our teaching and learning.

Our Values



Respect

Children and adults at Denham Village School show respect for one another, for themselves and for their environment.

Resilience

Children and adults at Denham Village School persevere in the face of challenges and stay calm in stressful situations. They take risks and understand the value of making mistakes.



Kindness

Children and adults at Denham Village School are able to put themselves in other people's shoes and show concern and care for others, both within and outside of the school. They look after one another and can put others before themselves.

Aspiration

Children and Adults at Denham Village School challenge themselves to aim as high as they can.



Independence

Children and adults at Denham Village School can develop curiosity and a love of learning and make good decisions independently. They have the skills they need to work alone or as part of a group. They take ownership of their learning and know what they need to do to make progress.



Behaviour chart
and house points

You are a great
learner!

You are doing your
best!

A new day for
learning.

Have a think and
make it better.

Reflect, how are you
going to make it better?



Birch Class Timetable- Subject to change

	8:50-9:00	9:00 – 9:15	9:15 – 9:30	9:30-10:30	10:30-10:45	10:45-12:00	12:00-12:30	12:30-1:30	1:30-2:15	2:15-3:15	3:15-3:30
Monday	Register	School assembly	Yr 1 phonics Yr2 grammar	English	B	Maths and NCETM	Handwriting	L	PPA Science	PPA P.E.	PPA Class story time
Tuesday	Register	School assembly	Yr 1 phonics Yr2 grammar	English	R	Maths and NCETM	Reading Groups Handwriting	U	Computing	Music	Class story time
Wednesday	Register	Singing assembly	Yr 1 phonics Yr2 grammar	English	E	Maths and NCETM	Reading Groups Handwriting	N	R.E.	History/ Geography	Class story time
Thursday	Register	School assembly	Yr 1 phonics Yr2 grammar	English	A	Maths and NCETM	Reading Groups Handwriting	C	Art	P.S.H.E	Class story time
Friday	Register	Celebration assembly	Yr 1 phonics Yr2 grammar	English	K	Maths and NCETM	Spellings	H		Forest School	

- Forest School – Friday PM in the Autumn Term

Phonics in Year 1



- Little Wandle Scheme
- Daily lessons
- Phonics feeds into daily reading and spellings
- [Phonics Screening Check in June](#)
- You can access resources at:
[Little Wandle Letters and Sounds > For Parents](#)



Little Wandle Phonics

Daily teaching and same day catch up

In Year 1, we begin with a recap of Phase 3 sounds.

We move onto Phase 4 which is the blending of initial sounds and then Phase 5 sounds.

It builds up to blending these sounds to make words.

Common exception words are taught alongside this.

Assessed at the end of each half term.

Spellings in Year 2

Term	Weeks of teaching	Programme focus
Year 2 Autumn 1	5 weeks	Phase 5 review
Year 2 Autumn 2	5 weeks	Bridge to spelling
Year 2 Spring and Summer	20 weeks	Spelling

Autumn 1

Week	W/B	W/B	W/B	W/B	W/B
Spelling sentence	It is good to look at a book.	I have a bucket of popcorn.	Milk is a good drink.	I like to play in the sea.	Pop the puppet in my pocket.
Tricky words	go my	what she	they some	said you	all of

Autumn 1- Phase 5 Review

Week	W/B	W/B	W/B	W/B	W/B
Spelling sentence	I get cold toes in the snow.	The blue bear drank the smooth juice.	There is so much ketchup on the table!	The wasp buzzed above my head.	Full steam ahead to the seaside!
Tricky words	people eye	their through	thought sure	once because	pretty friend

Reading

Tuesday

- Reading books due in
- New supportive book comes home

Thursday

- Small group reading book comes home
- Library books due in

Friday

- All children visit the library



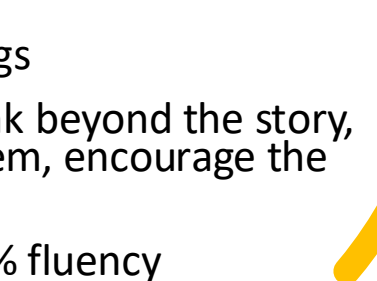
Reading At Home

- ❖ Expectation of reading 5 times a week at home. Please record this in the planner.
- ❖ Model positive reading behaviour
- ❖ Establish a routine so that reading takes place where it is quiet and without distraction
- ❖ Make reading an enjoyable experience

What if my child struggles with a book?

- ❖ Allow time for your child to self-correct
- ❖ Use positive language when correcting mistakes
- ❖ Re-read pages to develop fluency, expression and comprehension

My child finds their book easy. What should I do to challenge them?

- ❖ Discuss the pictures, characters and plot
 - ❖ Retell story in own words and suggest alternate endings
 - ❖ Focus on asking questions to allow the children to think beyond the story, share different genres and the purpose for reading them, encourage the learning of HFW and CEW.
 - ❖ Remember children should be reading the book at 90% fluency
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Homework

Reading- daily





Maths





English- usually
grammar

Spelling sentence
and 2 tricky words

Home Thursday → Back in on Tuesday







Uniform

Everyday	Forest School
 <p data-bbox="188 419 443 444">Purchase From School</p>  <p data-bbox="112 605 532 654">Named Water bottle Purchase from any shop/supermarket</p>	 <p data-bbox="695 394 1116 444">Wellington Boots Purchase from any shop/supermarket</p>
KS2 children (Optional for Year 1 and 2)	
 <p data-bbox="58 865 1166 918">Small pencil Case, Glue stick, HB pencil, 15cm ruler, Rubber, Handwriting pen (Blue) No biro pens. 6 Colouring pencils.</p>	

 <p data-bbox="1327 339 1867 404">Smart Grey Trousers, Skirt or Pinafore Dress. Purchase from any shop/supermarket.</p>	 <p data-bbox="1900 347 2486 482">Smart Grey shorts or red checked dress with shorts (Black lycra shorter than hem) These are optional. Purchase from any shop/supermarket</p>
 <p data-bbox="1658 753 2186 818">Grey or White Socks or Grey Tights Purchase from any shop/supermarket</p>	
 <p data-bbox="1658 1150 2186 1215">Sturdy, Black School Shoes Purchase from any shop/supermarket</p>	

Uniform

Uniform Purchases	
 <p>or</p>	
School Jumper or Cardigan with Logo. Purchase from 'My Clothing'	
	
White Collared Polo <u>Shirt</u> . Purchase from any shop/supermarket	
Autumn, Winter, Spring & cold days Can be worn all year.	Summer Term & Warm days No Summer Uniform After Autumn Half Term.

PE KIT			
This is to be worn to school on timetabled PE days. Children must wear the fleece to school on PE days.			
			
Red Fleece with Logo	Red T-Shirt with Logo. Purchase From 'My Clothing'		
			
Black Shorts or Joggers		Grey or White Socks	Black Trainers
Purchase from any shop/supermarket			

A helpful reminder

