



Your child attends the KS1 Speech and Language Base for English and Mathematics. Pupils are taught in a small group with a teacher and at least one teaching assistant. The KS1 Base Teaching Assistants work with the Base children in class during Science and other subjects. Base children are, at times, withdrawn for intervention (eg: speech and language therapy, reading, handwriting, social skills) in a pair or 1:1 to meet their specific learning needs to accelerate their progress. Your child will always be included in special events that are happening in the classes.

### ENGLISH

The curriculum in the KS1 Base is personalised to address each child's specific needs. We identify gaps in individual pupils' learning and tailor the teaching to address these. We do lots of learning around things like:

- speaking and listening
- sounds and phonics
- spellings
- reading (decoding/understanding)
- handwriting
- writing

Your child's Individual Education Plan targets give you a really good idea of what we are working on with your child.

### KS1 BASE

SPRING  
2014

### MATHEMATICS

In the KS1 Base all mathematical concepts are introduced using concrete materials. We learn about number:

- ordering numbers
- odd and even numbers
- place value
- understanding the operations of addition and subtraction, extending to multiplication and division, and applying the knowledge to word problems

We also develop mental maths skills:

- 1 more and 1 less & 10 more and 10 less
- number bonds to 10
- doubles of numbers up to 10
- half of even numbers up to 20
- 2, 5 and 10 times tables

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### ENGLISH AT HOME

Listen to your child read daily and talk about the story. (see sheet: *Questions you can ask your child when reading*)

Listen to your child reading the flashcard words in their reading folder.

Encourage them to practise their spelling. They can practise independently but do check that they are right and can read the words they have written. Please send spelling sheet to school on Friday so that it can be updated.

### MATHS AT HOME

Please practise your child's mental maths skills. The current skill to practise will be on the IEP.

Please also practise past skills to retain and strengthen knowledge

- **Parents Consultations** on 12/02/14 after school (look out for the letter to book your appointment)
- **Science Evening** on 20.03.14 (look out for the letter with more information)
- **Key Stage 1 and 2 Speech and Language Base outing to Dinosaur Safari Adventure Golf** on 26/03.14 (look out for more information in your child's plastic wallet)
- **Base Tea** on 01/04/14 at 2.00 - 3.00 (look out for more information in your child's plastic wallet)