

Hello and Welcome to the Autumn term 2025

It has been fantastic to have the children back and continue their learning journey at Paxton Academy. They have all settled in well in their new classroom and have taken well to the expectations of Year 1 Blue. Already the children are working extremely hard and have an exciting term ahead. We are looking forward to continuing to get to know you all throughout the academic year.

A little about Miss Peckham

I'm very excited to have joined the team and supporting your children as they begin their journey into Year 1. I've spent the last four years teaching in Reception at another local school and over the past decade, I've gained a wide range of experience working as a nursery nurse, teaching assistant, and 1:1 support for children with additional needs.

I am really looking forward to getting to know your children and helping them grow in confidence and independence throughout the year.

We are so lucky to have Mrs Warne as our Teaching Assistant this year and we are very excited to see how we will be growing the minds of our students here in Year 1 Blue.

Whole school text

This term as a school, we have read 'Almost Anything' written and illustrated by Sophie Henn. This is a story about a character, who with his friend's support, discovers the magic inside of him, helping him to believe in his own abilities. It explores themes of self-belief, resilience, courage, and perseverance. Children across the school studied this book for the first two weeks of the term and created wonderful pieces of work which will be displayed proudly in our school corridors.

Curriculum

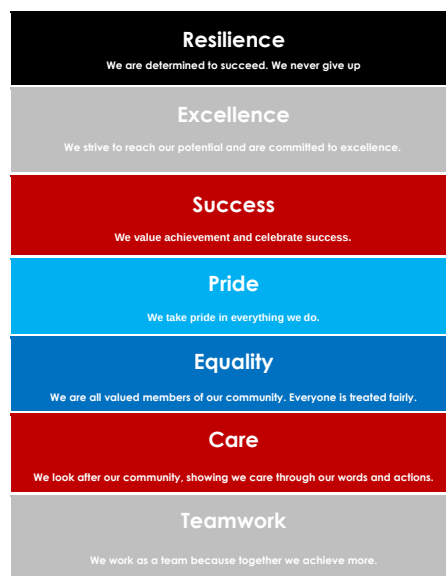
In Year 1 the children will follow the National Curriculum with some great topics that will create a love of learning. We will cover a range of subjects and will do our very best to ensure we are having fun with all areas of the curriculum! Please have a read of the curriculum webs throughout the year as they explain what we will be covering in each subject every half term.

PE

Year 1 Blue have PE on Monday and Tuesdays. Please ensure your child comes in their full PE kit on this day and wears appropriate footwear. Please ensure all uniform, bags and water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name, to help them become independent looking after their belongings.

Our Core Values

At Paxton, our Core Values weave a thread across all aspects of school life. They are displayed in every classroom and provide the children and staff with a common language which binds us together and creates articulate, confident leaders of tomorrow.



Homework Expectations

Reading

Your child will bring home two books, one will be a reading for pleasure book, for you to read to your child, discussing the pictures and asking questions about what they have heard. The second will be a decodable reading book. Your child will be familiar with this book and should be able to read it with fluency and automaticity as they will have practiced in class). Please read together every night and update the 'Learning with Parents' platform. Certificates for high levels of engagement will be given out weekly.

Phonics

Each week, we will send home the sounds your child has learnt in phonics. Please support your child in practicing saying these sounds and writing them. There will be a range of suggested activities on the phonics sheet to help you support your child at home.

Maths

Please ensure that your child is regularly accessing Numbots. Their password and username have been given to them. Please do let me know if there are any problems accessing TTRS and we will work to get this sorted out as soon as possible.

Miss Peckham