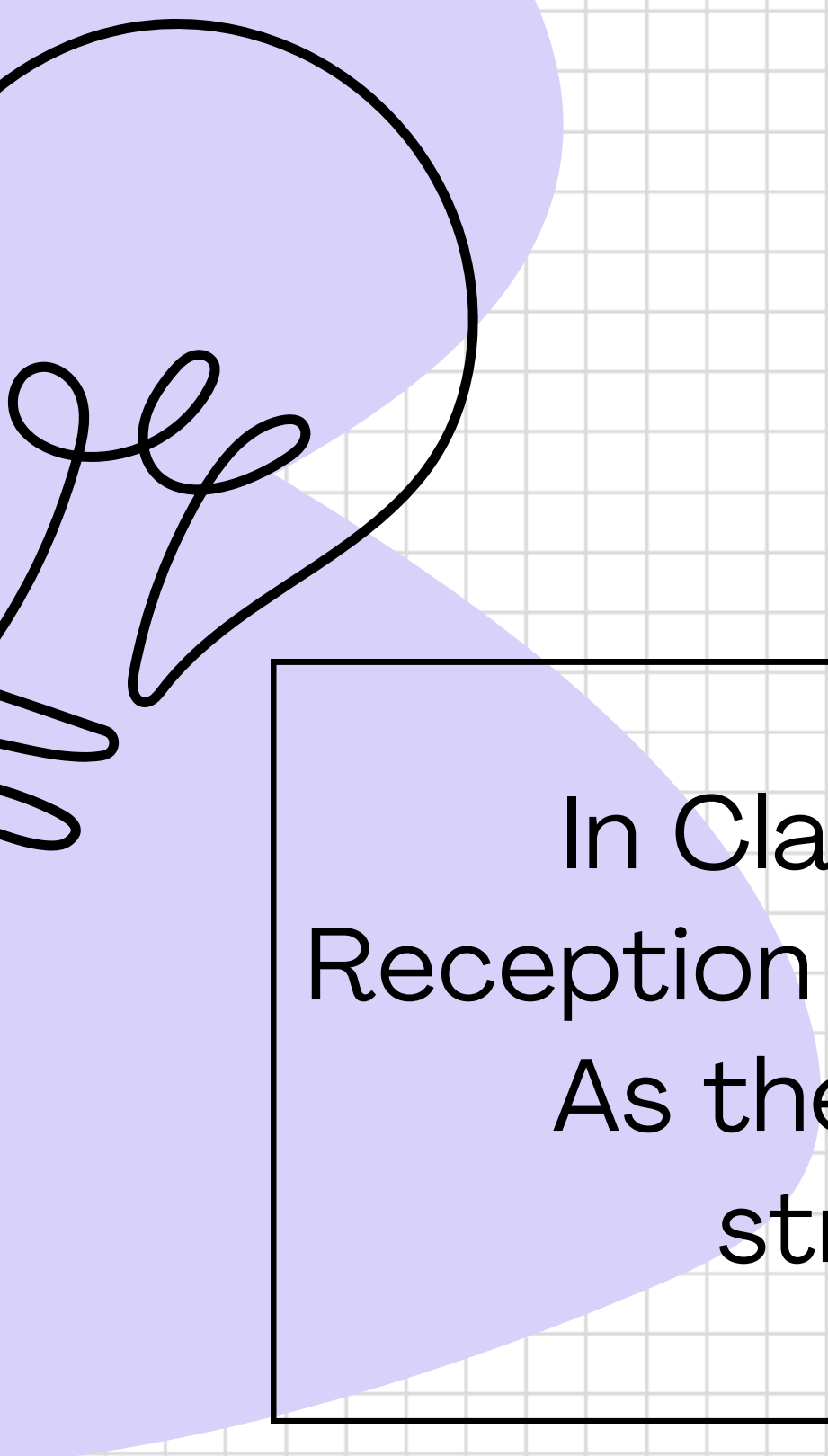




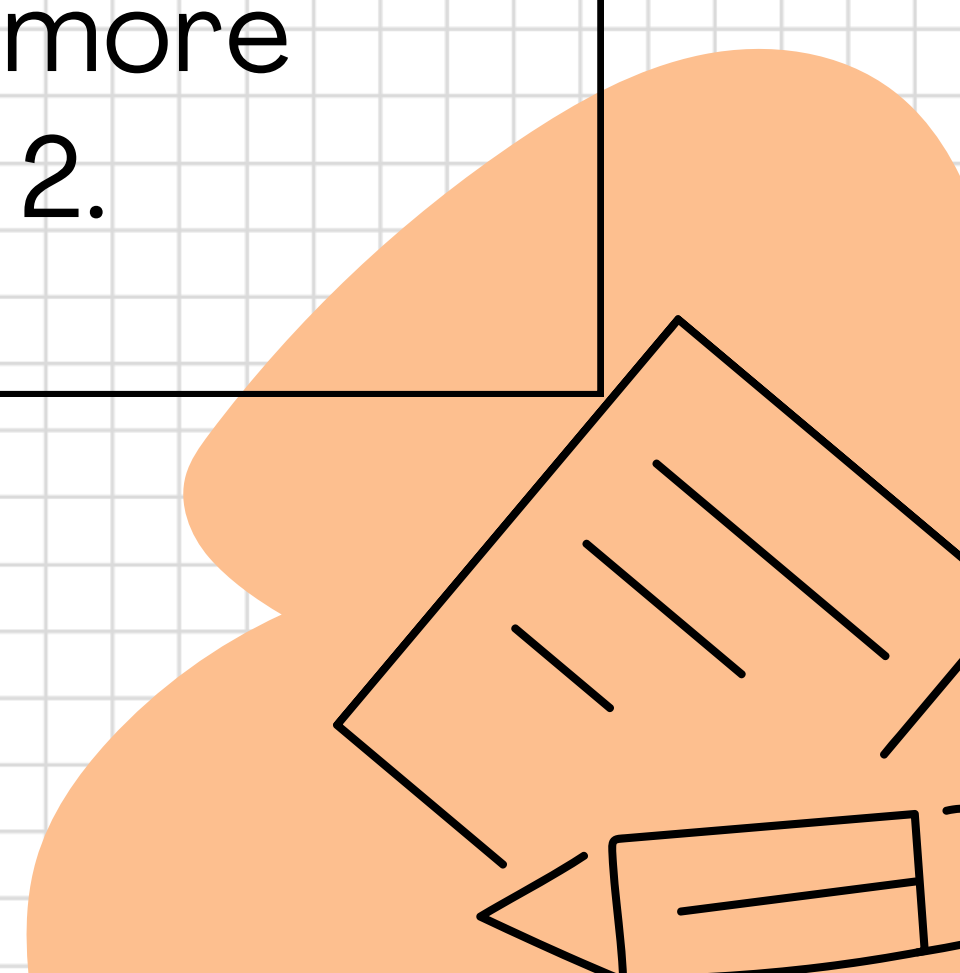
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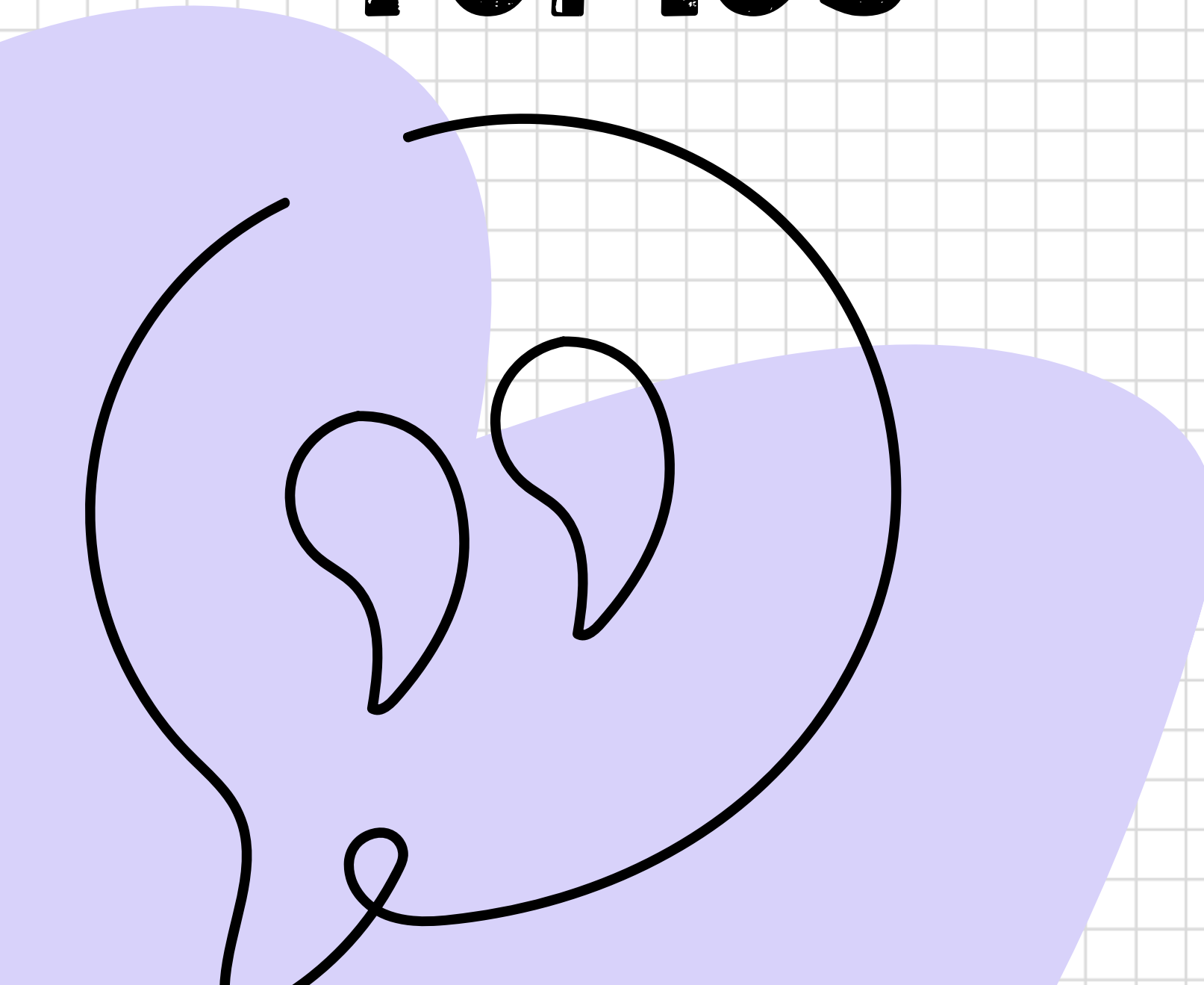
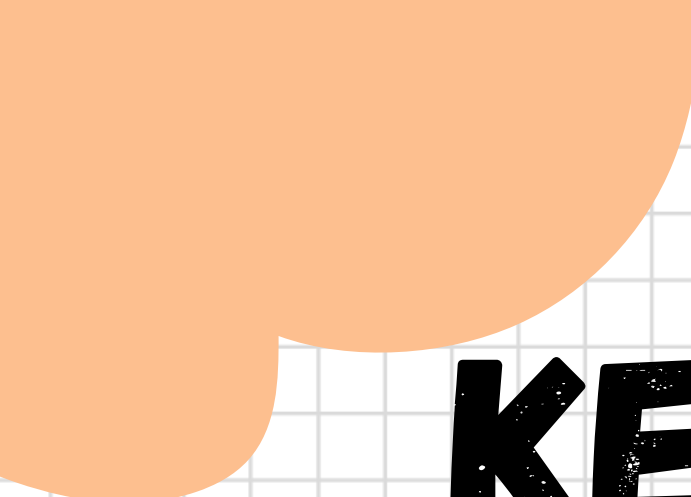
Class teacher – Miss Daley
Teaching assistant – Mrs Esposito
PPA cover teacher – Mr Turner



YEAR 1 ETHOS

In Class 1, we build on what children learned in Reception through a mix of play and structured lessons. As the year progresses, lessons become more structured to prepare them for Year 2.





KEY TOPICS

1.

This is Me!

2.

The Old Toy Room

3.

Dinosaur Detectives

4.

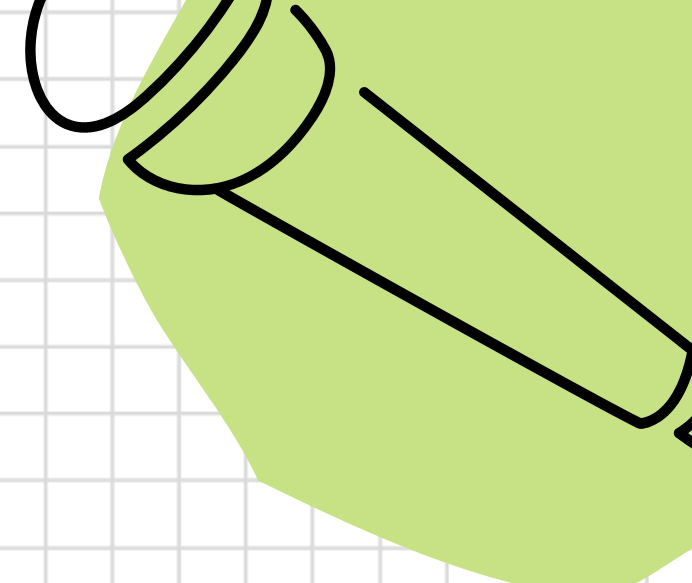
A Pirate's Life for Me!

5.

Inside the Castle Walls

6.

Wonderful Weather and
Powerful Plants



TOPIC HOOKS, VISITS AND TRIPS

Each topic will have a special day to enhance the children's learning. So far these are the key dates for your diary, we will add to this as the year goes on.

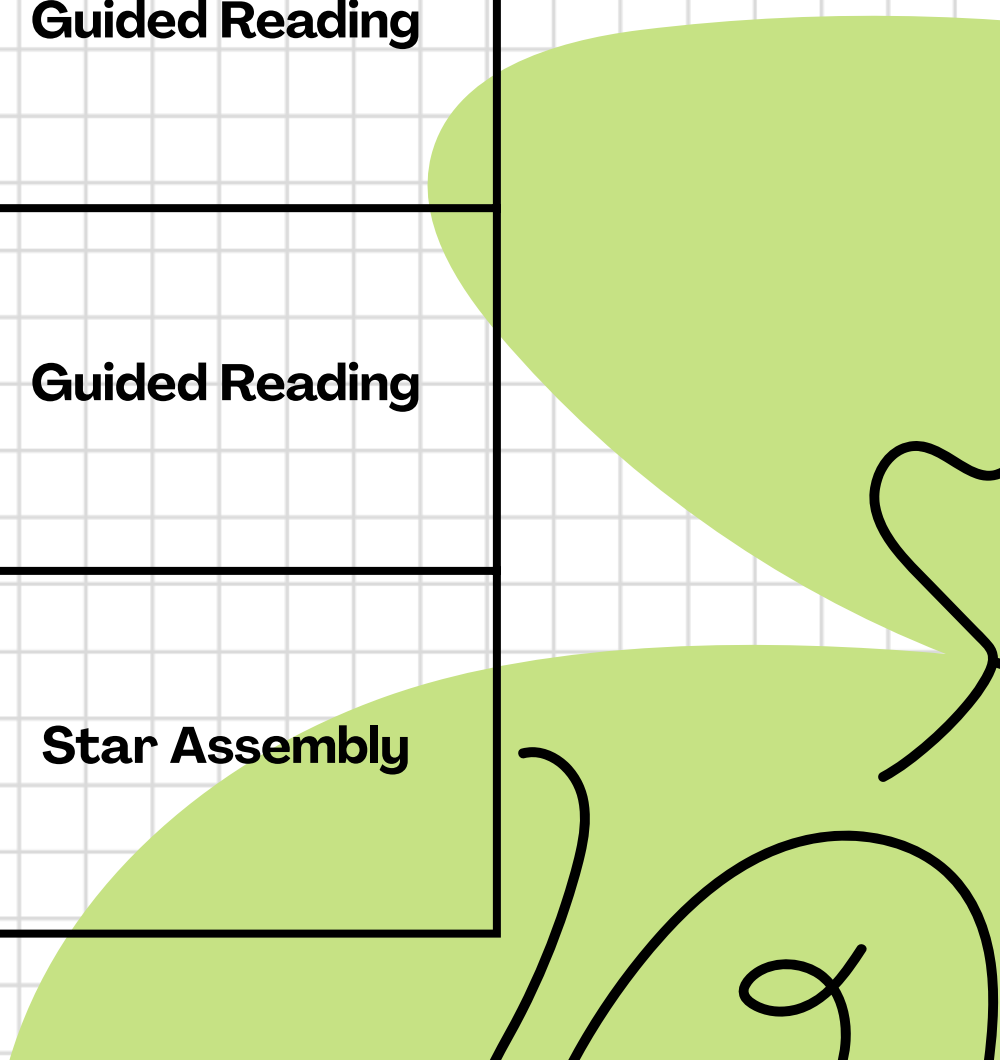
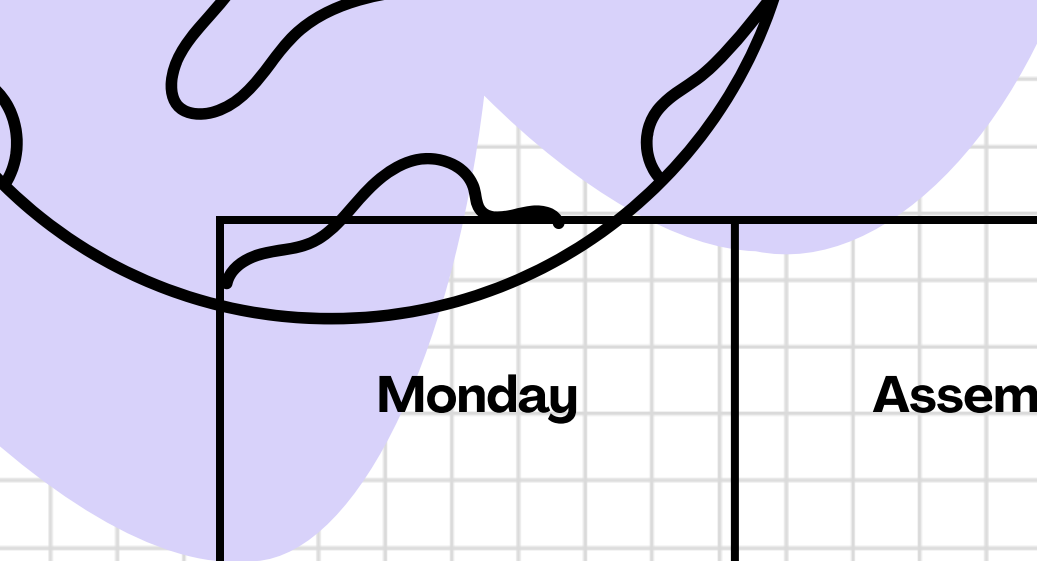
This is Me! – Circus day will be the Friday 12th September, all children are invited to dress up as a circus performer. We will be having a visit from the Circus Skills company who will be bringing lots of equipment for the children to try.

The Old Toy Room – Tuesday 4th November we will be asking children to bring 3 toys to school, their toy, a parent's toy and a grandparent's toy. Monday 10th November we will be visited by The History Van for their Toys and Games workshop, children don't need to dress up but we will be asking for a donation of £5 closer to the time.

TOPIC HOOKS, VISITS AND TRIPS

A Pirate's Life for Me – Friday 27th February 2026 will be Pirate Day, children are invited to dress up as a pirate. We will take part in lots of fun activities including making pirate portraits, cooking ships biscuits and a pirate obstacle course.

Inside **the Castle Walls** – Tuesday 28th April 2026 we will be visiting Bolsover Castle.



Monday	Assembly	Maths	Spelling/ grammar	PE/ Swimming	Computing
Tuesday	Assembly	Maths	Literacy	Art	Guided Reading
Wednesday	RE/PE	Maths	Music	Topic	Guided Reading
Thursday	Phonics	Maths	Music	Science	Guided Reading
Friday	Phonics	Maths	Music	Handwriting/ Library/ PSHE	Star Assembly

READING

READING AT SCHOOL

Reading is a key focus for us here at Chinley and a large part of our focus is getting reading right in year 1. Year 1 children read in small focused groups 3x a week. These groups focus on reading fluency and vocabulary, expression, intonation and punctuation and comprehension.

READING AT HOME

Reading at home is crucial for children to practise their reading skills.. Children should be doing 10-20 minutes of reading a day at home. Please record what you have read in their red reading record. Every child should be able to read their book in a week.

CHANGING READING BOOKS

Reading books will be changed on Mondays so please remember to send homework folders to school every Monday. If your child has read their book, we will swap it for a new one, if they haven't we will leave it until next week.

PE

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PE lessons are on Mondays and Wednesdays—please send your child in full PE kit with hair tied back and earrings removed. To stay active daily, we also do Super Movers each morning, combining movement with learning. Additionally, children take part in the Daily Mile or use the Trim Trail to build fitness, balance, and coordination.

SWIMMING

Swimming takes place on Monday afternoons, with children leaving at 12:45 and returning by 2:15pm. Each week, Mrs Glover and Miss Walker take up to eight children on a rota to Peak School, where they walk, change independently if possible, and shower before entering the pool. Mrs Glover is always in the water with them, supported by coach Verity and a range of floats for beginners. She will contact you in the first week to organise the rota. Children need a named towel, costume, and bag—goggles are optional. No shampoo or gel is needed

HOMEWORK

Homework in Year 1 is minimal, with a strong focus on developing reading skills. Weekly spellings, linked to classroom learning and Year 1 expectations, will be shared on Parent Hub and are included in your pack. A little daily practice helps reinforce both spelling and phonics. Spellings are given out on Mondays and tested the following Monday.

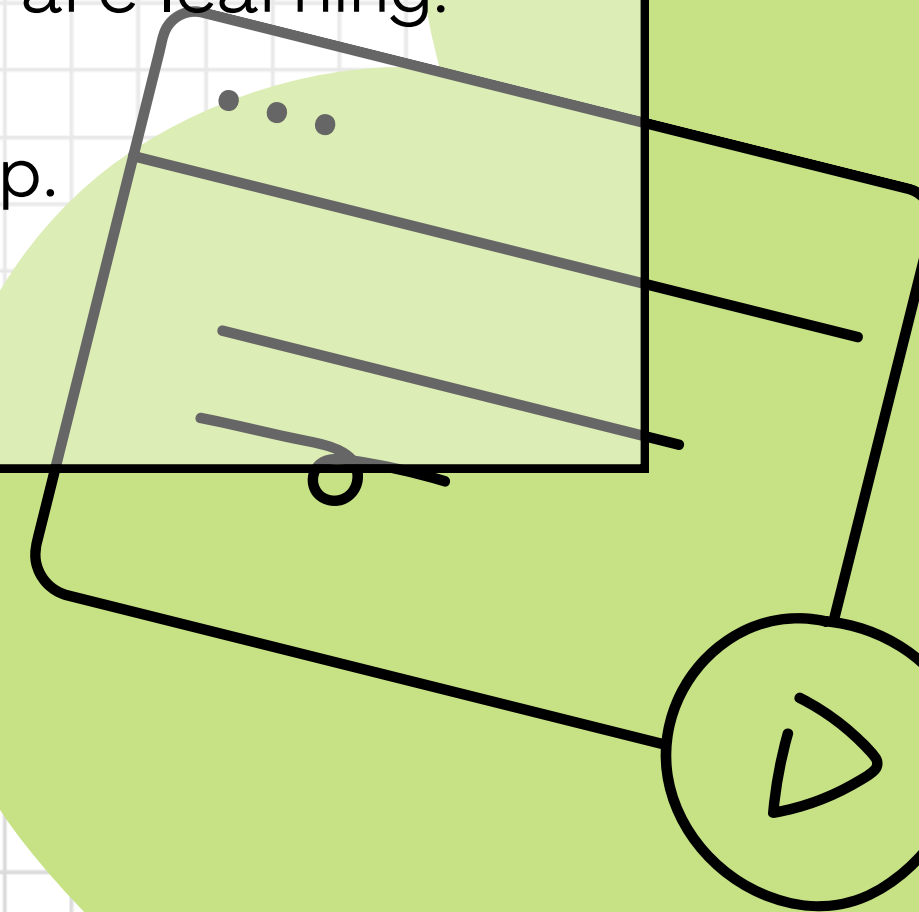
The weekly spellings will be send home in the homework folders, alongside the reading books and red reading record. As we work towards the phonics check in June, I may also add in some alien words for the children to read too.

OFFERS OF HELP

Parent help is always gratefully received. This is especially valuable for 1 to 1 Reading.

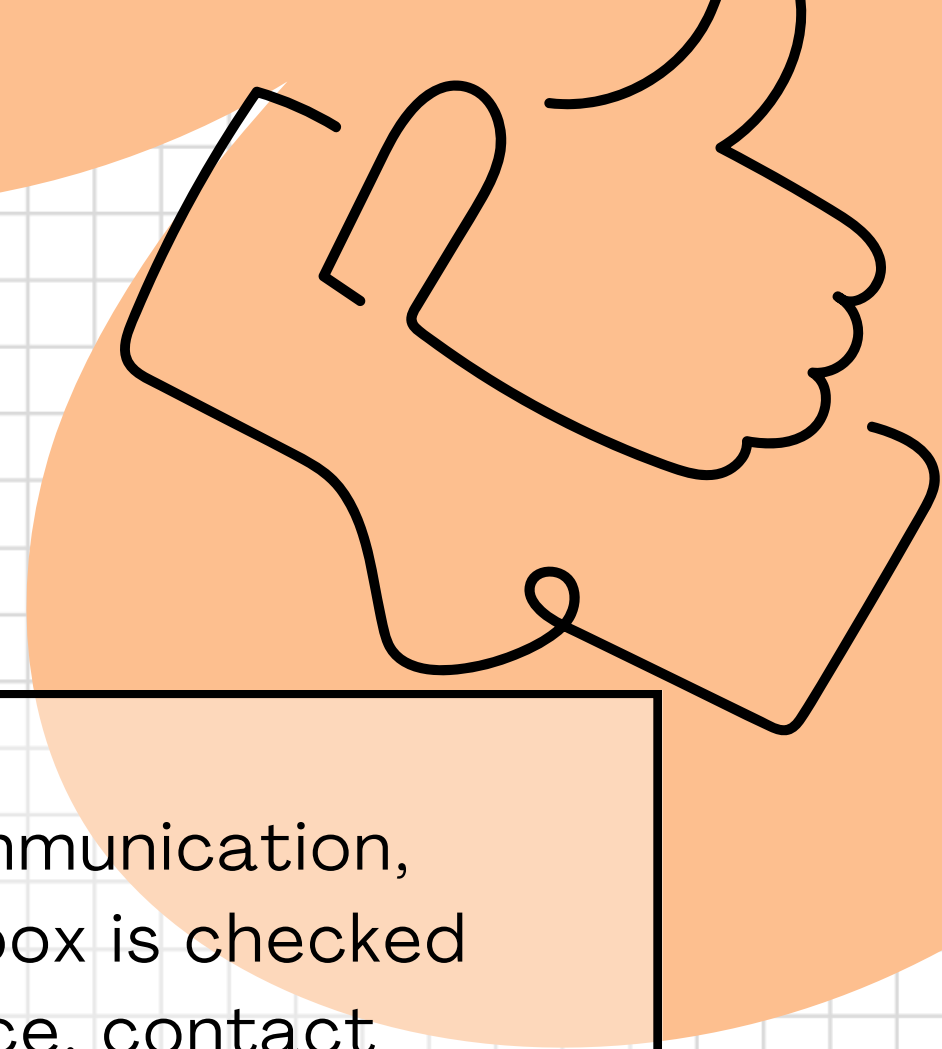
Or if you have a particular skill you could share? We are always looking for people to come in and share information about their jobs and how it links to what we are learning.

Please email me at year1@chinley.derbyshire.sch.uk if you are able to help.



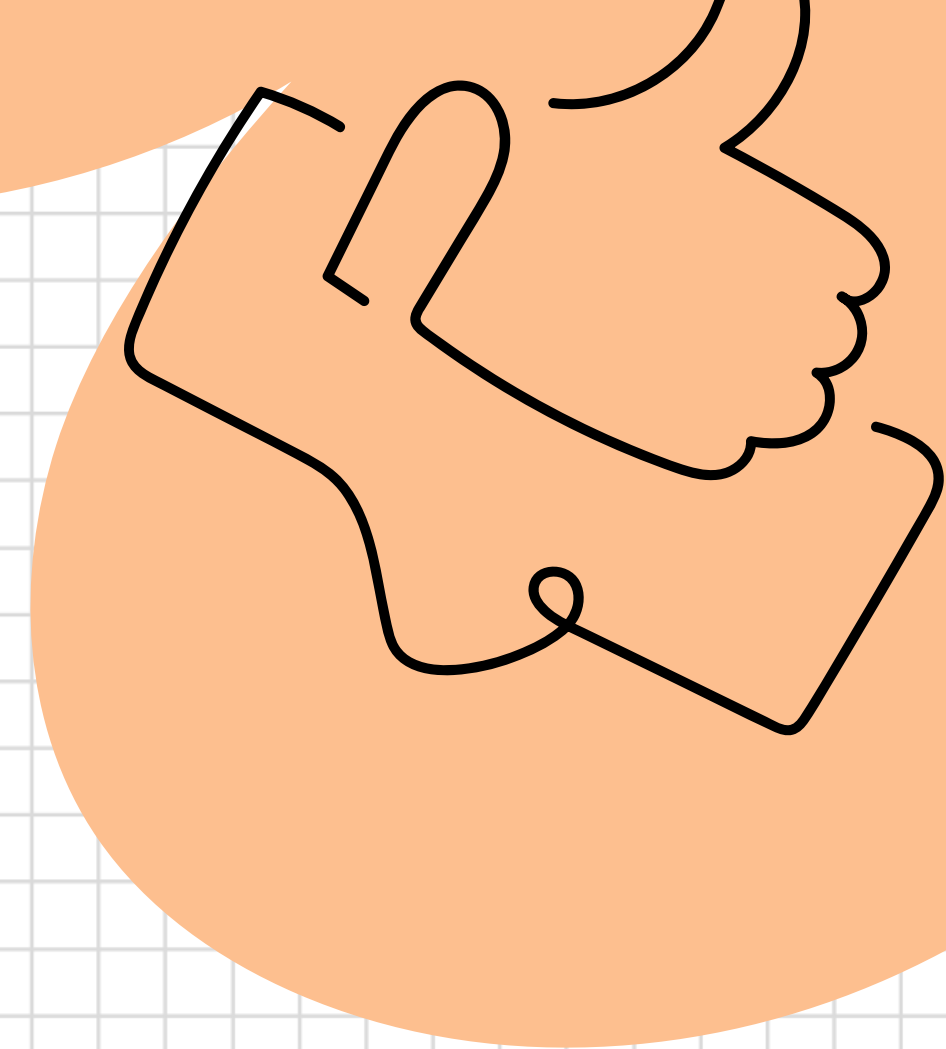
CONTACTING ME

It will use ParentHub to share whole-class information. For individual communication, please use our dedicated email: year1@chinley.derbyshire.sch.uk. This inbox is checked at the end of the day, so for urgent matters like collection or attendance, contact info@chinley.derbyshire.sch.uk. I'm also available for a quick chat before and after school each day.



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1. Getting ready for year 1 information.
2. Year 1 and 2 statutory spelling list.
3. 2025 recommended reads for year 1.
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7. Yearly overview of maths.





THANK YOU

Any Questions?