



International School

Key Stage One Year 1

Curriculum Guidelines

Prague 6

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Park Lane International School. This booklet is designed to provide helpful information about the programmes and procedures associated with the school. You and your child/ren are about to embark on a memorable year at Park Lane International School and we hope that this information will ensure a smooth and happy transition to school life.

School Communication

We believe parents play a significant role in their child's education and we look forward to a positive home-school partnership. The co-operation between your family and Park Lane International School is an important two-way process. <https://parents.parklane-is.com/home>

Mission Statement

...preparing the young people of today for the unknown occupations of tomorrow.

Our Philosophy

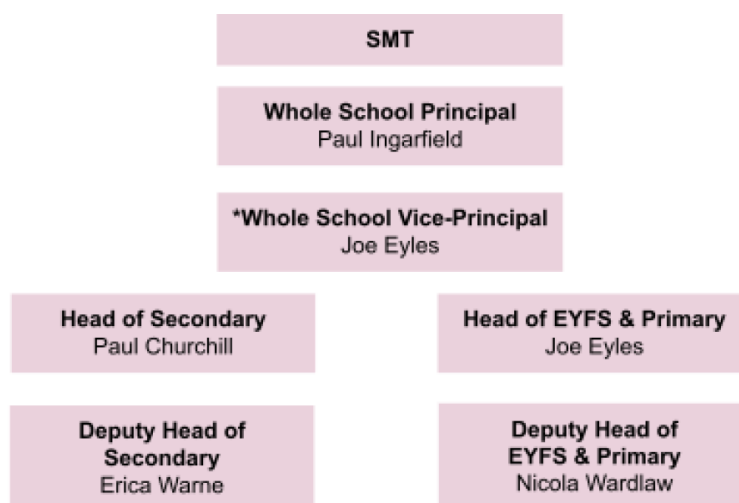
At Park Lane International School, we sincerely believe that every young person, irrespective of race, cultural heritage, faith or ability, is entitled to lead a happy, safe and productive life. However, we realise that in today's ever evolving world, the future that our young people are working towards is entirely unpredictable. We understand that when our students reach adulthood, they are likely to be engaged in occupations and tasks that do not currently exist; utilising technology which has yet to be invented. Moreover, if they are to compete, thrive and survive in the decades to come, their mindsets will need to become fully attuned to international developments, global issues and other cultures. Although the pupils of Park Lane are able to extend their horizons through the academic programme itself, they also have much to gain from a range of leadership and enrichment opportunities which aim to develop capable, resourceful and resilient individuals.

Aims

- To enable each pupil to achieve their potential within a stimulating, supportive, happy and caring environment.
- To establish and maintain a positive relationship with parents.
- To help pupils to learn that courtesy, good manners and consideration for others are essential qualities.
- To provide a broad and balanced curriculum.
- To provide social skills and communication/independent learners through extra-curricular activities.

Park Lane Leadership Model

Senior Management Team (SMT)



EYFS and Primary Leadership Team (PLT)

Park Lane EYFS and Primary Distributed Leadership Model 2024 - 2025							
Whole School Principal - Paul Ingarfield							
Whole School Vice Principal and Head of EYFS and Primary - Joe Eyles							
Deputy Head of EYFS and Primary - Nicola Wardlaw							
P6 Sibeliova Site Leader Debbie Burgess		P5 Nessie Site Leader Dawn Warby		P6 Norbertov Site Leader Nicola Wardlaw		P1 Y6 Site Leader Kerry Stephenson	
Primary Leadership Team (PLT)							
Joe Eyles		Nicola Wardlaw	Honza Pucek Director of the Czech Programme (Reception–Primary)			Kerry Stephenson Assistant Head of Primary (Academic)	
Primary Administrative Support							
Kristýna Ziková School Office Administrator, Trips & Club Coordinator	Denisa Krajsová School Office Administrator	Alice Ryanová School Registrar	Linda Wágnerová School Office Administrator	Daniela Břešťalová HR Officer	Karolina Schreiberová Director of Operations (Non-academic) Admissions, PR & events Coordinator	Jiří Smělý School Office Administrator	
Year Curriculum Leaders							
Learning Support & Inclusion Coordinator Ioanna Tsouka	EYFS Leader Debbie Burgess	Y1 Leader Victoria Smith	Y2 Leader Victoria Smith	Y3 Leader Neil Prendergast	Y4 Leader Laura Clarkson	Y5 Leader Ruth Prendergast	Y6 Leader Esther Russell

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Co-ordinator		

Arrival at School & Registration

School Registration takes place at 8.50am. All pupils are expected to be in class in time for registration. **Please note, pupils will be recorded as late if they arrive in class after 09.05am.**

Year 1 School Day at Prague 6 Norbertov

08.50	School Registration
09.00	Lessons begin
10.20 – 10.40	Morning Playtime
12.10 – 13.10	Lunchtime and Playtime
15.30	End of the School day
15.30 – 16.15	Clubs

Year 1 School Day at Prague 5 Nessie

08.50	School Registration
09.00	Lessons begin
10.15 – 10.45	Morning Playtime
12.30 – 13.30	Lunchtime and Playtime
15.30	End of the School day
15.30 – 16.15	Clubs

Reporting to Parents

Throughout the school year, we will keep you fully informed of your child's progress. Park Lane International School organises **twice-yearly Parent-Teacher Consultations**. This is an opportunity for you to discuss with the class teacher your child's progress, behaviour and targets. Also, **twice yearly, you will receive a short progress report and a detailed written report (December and June)** regarding your child's academic and personal attainment and achievements.

Aims & Learner Profile

At Park Lane we are committed to creating and sustaining an environment where our pupils are:

- successful learners
- industrious and curious
- respectful and empathetic
- co-operative and collaborative
- honest and trustworthy
- knowledgeable and competent in their use of technology
- aware of environmental issues
- resourceful and responsible global citizen

Creative Curriculum

At Park Lane International Primary School, we take pride in our excellent standards and high expectations. However, it is also of the utmost importance to us to foster development of the whole child and encourage excitement and engagement in learning. As a staff, we considered the best ways to maintain academic standards whilst ensuring that each child is given opportunities to be successful in a variety of forms including science, art and design, music and humanities.

We considered our aims for a Park Lane pupil.

In order to achieve these goals, we felt that the whole school needed to take a more thematic approach to learning as this would:

- cover topic areas more efficiently
- provide more time to include in depth study of the subject areas and give opportunities for pupils to take part in pupil led projects
- give a groundwork of content knowledge from which to base creativity
- foster understanding of the links between subjects, an essential tool in the building of intellectual ability.
- give pupils the time and opportunity to transfer their learning and consolidate new skills.

Year 1 Creative Curriculum Topics

- **Celebrating Differences/All About Me**
- **Dynamo Dinosaurs**
- **Superheroes**
- **3, 2, 1 Blast Off!**

Core principals of the creative curriculum

Coverage

Each topic has been specifically chosen to ensure coverage of the breadth and balance aspects of the National Curriculum.

Engagement

At Park Lane we value the opinion of our pupils and recognise that an element of choice in learning is very valuable in encouraging engagement and enjoyment. We make it a priority to give opportunities for pupils to have a say in the specifics of their learning. We intend to set projects and tasks within the topic, where pupils can decide on the content and format of the outcome.

Purpose Driven Learning

To support engagement and to foster self-motivation and expectations, each teacher will ensure that topics include many opportunities for tasks which have a genuine audience and / or purpose.

Life skills

As laid out in the rationale, we intend all children to leave our school as successful learners. Our hope is that children are literate and numerate and working within the UK national expectations/year group expectations and that they can apply these skills independently in a variety of settings.

Community

At Park Lane Primary School, we work hard to provide an atmosphere of care and support for one another. It is our intention to provide opportunities within our teaching to promote the values of care for others, understanding of our connections with other people around the world, and a sense of family and community within our locality.

Organisation

Thematic topics are taught across the school. These topics encompass skills and areas of study from a number of subjects. In most cases, topics last 8-10 weeks. Where coverage of a subject is required but does not fit naturally into a topic, discrete teaching will occur. This is most often the case in P.E. and in some areas of Science.

EAL (English as an Additional Language)

An EAL programme is available for children who require support with learning the English language. Children are assessed by the EAL teacher at the beginning of the school year to determine the level of support required. In most cases, children are withdrawn from their class for one to one or small group intervention or supported within the classroom as needed.

Czech Education Programme (Czech for Czech Native Speakers)

This programme is for students who have Czech as their first language. It enables Czech students to achieve a high standard of spoken and written Czech and to sit the Czech Ministry of Education examinations on an annual basis as part of these lessons. The programme starts in Reception and continues up to Year 13. From Year 2 children of Czech nationality need to be formally registered in a Czech state school, chosen by their parents. Our Czech partner school is Základní škola Jeseniova in Prague 3.

Czech Education Programme (Czech as an Additional Language)

This programme is for students who do not have Czech as their first language. The lessons are taught by our Czech teachers and enable students to learn basic Czech vocabulary for use in their environment. Students learn colours, numbers, animals, common phrases etc. After successfully undertaking an initial assessment test, children with other nationalities, who prove fluent in Czech, can also join the classes primarily aimed at the children of Czech nationality.

The Curriculum

The school curriculum is based on the **National Curriculum of England** and is available for download at: www.gov.uk/national-curriculum/overview

English

Spoken Language

- Listen and respond appropriately to adults and their peers
- Ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge
- Use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary
- Articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions
- Give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings
- Maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments
- Use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas
- Speak audibly and fluently with an increasing command of Standard English
- Participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role play, improvisations and debates
- Gain, maintain and monitor the interest of the listener(s)
- Consider and evaluate different viewpoints, attending to and building on the contributions of others

- Select and use appropriate registers for effective communication

Reading

Word Reading

- Apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words
- Respond speedily with the correct sound to graphemes (letters or groups of letters) for all 40+ phonemes, including, where applicable, alternative sounds for graphemes
- Read accurately by blending sounds in unfamiliar words containing GPCs that have been taught
- Read common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word
- Read words containing taught GPCs and –s, –es, –ing, –ed, –er and –est endings
- Read other words of more than one syllable that contain taught GPCs
- Read words with contractions [for example, I'm, I'll, we'll], and understand that the apostrophe represents the omitted letter(s)
- Read books aloud, accurately, that are consistent with their developing phonic knowledge and that do not require them to use other strategies to work out words
- Reread these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading

Comprehension

Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by:

- Listening to and discussing a wide range of poems, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently
- Being encouraged to link what they read or hear to their own experiences
- Becoming very familiar with key stories, fairy stories and traditional tales, retelling them and considering their particular characteristics
- recognising and joining in with predictable phrases
- Learning to appreciate rhymes and poems, and to recite some by heart
- Discussing word meanings, linking new meanings to those already known

Understand both the books they can already read accurately and fluently and those they listen to by:

- Drawing on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher
- Checking that the text makes sense to them as they read, and correcting inaccurate reading
- Discussing the significance of the title and events
- Making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done
- Predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far
- Participate in discussion about what is read to them, taking turns and listening to what others say
- Explain clearly their understanding of what is read to them

Writing

Spelling

Spell:

- words containing each of the 40+ phonemes already taught
- common exception words
- the days of the week

Name the letters of the alphabet:

- naming the letters of the alphabet in order
- using letter names to distinguish between alternative spellings of the same sound

Add prefixes and suffixes:

- using the spelling rule for adding –s or –es as the plural marker for nouns and the third person singular marker for verbs
- using the prefix un–
- using –ing, –ed, –er and –est where no change is needed in the spelling of root words [for example, helping, helped, helper, eating, quicker, quickest]
- apply simple spelling rules and guidance
- write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs and common exception words taught so far

Handwriting and Presentation

- Sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly
- Begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place
- Form capital letters
- Form digits 0-9
- Understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (ie letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these

Composition

Pupils should be taught to:

Write sentences by:

- Saying out loud what they are going to write about
- Composing a sentence orally before writing it
- Sequencing sentences to form short narratives
- Re-reading what they have written to check that it makes sense
- Discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils
- Read their writing aloud, clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher

Vocabulary, grammar & punctuation

Pupils should be taught to:

Develop their understanding of the concepts set out, by:

- Leaving spaces between words
- Joining words and joining clauses using 'and'
- Beginning to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark
- Using a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I'
- Learning the grammar for year 1
- Use the grammatical terminology in English in discussing their writing

Mathematics

Number & Place Value

- Count to and across 100, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any given number
- Count, read and write numbers to 100 in numerals; count in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s
- Given a number, identify 1 more and 1 less
- Identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least
- Read and write numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals and words

Addition & Subtraction

- Read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (−) and equals (=) signs
- Represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20
- Add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including 0
- Solve one-step problems that involve addition and subtraction, using concrete objects and pictorial representations, and missing number problems such as $7 = ? - 9$

Multiplication & Division

- Solve one-step problems involving multiplication and division, by calculating the answer using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays with the support of the teacher

Fractions

- Recognise, find and name a half as 1 of 2 equal parts of an object, shape or quantity
- Recognise, find and name a quarter as 1 of 4 equal parts of an object, shape or quantity

Measurement

Compare, describe and solve practical problems for:

- Lengths and heights [for example, long/short, longer/shorter, tall/short, double/half]
- Mass/weight [for example, heavy/light, heavier than, lighter than]
- Capacity and volume [for example, full/empty, more than, less than, half, half full, quarter]
- Time [for example, quicker, slower, earlier, later]

Measure and begin to record the following:

- Lengths and heights
- Mass/weight
- Capacity and volume
- Time (hours, minutes, seconds)
- Recognise and know the value of different denominations of coins and notes
- Sequence events in chronological order using language [for example, before and after, next, first, today, yesterday, tomorrow, morning, afternoon and evening]
- Recognise and use language relating to dates, including days of the week, weeks, months and years
- Tell the time to the hour and half past the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times

Properties of Shapes

- Recognise and name common 2-D and 3-D shapes, including:
 - 2-D shapes [for example, rectangles (including squares), circles and triangles]
 - 3-D shapes [for example, cuboids (including cubes), pyramids and spheres]

Science

Working Scientifically

Pupils will be taught to use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills

- asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways
- observing closely, using simple equipment
- performing simple tests
- identifying and classifying
- using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions
- gathering and recording data to help in answering questions

Programme of study: Plants, Animals including humans, Everyday materials, seasonal changes

Computing

The core of computing is **computer science**, in which pupils will be taught the principles of information and computation, how digital systems work and how to put this knowledge to use through programming. Building on this knowledge and understanding, pupils are equipped to use **information technology** to create **programs**, systems and a range of content. Computing also ensures that pupils become **digitally literate** – able to use, and express themselves and develop their ideas through, information and communication technology.

Computer Science

- Understand what algorithms are
- Create simple programs

Information Technology

- Use technology purposefully to create digital content
- Use technology purposefully to store digital content
- Use technology purposefully to retrieve digital content

Digital Literacy

- Use technology safely - Keep personal information private
- Recognise common uses of information technology beyond school

Physical Education

There are two PE lessons a week during which time pupils will participate in team games (learning ball skills, athletics, gymnastics and dance). Pupils will need to bring their PE kit to School on the allocated days, which will be notified to you.

Physical Education Expectations

Pupils will need to bring their PE kit to School on the allocated days, which will be notified to you. Pupils must dress appropriately to participate in the PE lessons.

- Appropriate sport trainers
- Green Park Lane T-shirt /Colour House T-shirt

- Navy blue shorts or leggings
- Full water bottle.

These are necessary for health and safety reasons and your co-operation is requested to ensure that pupils are equipped to participate in the PE lessons. It is also important pupils wear the specific Park Lane kit (rather than other sport clothes) in order to be part of our team culture.

Pupils who do not meet our PE expectations will be given a verbal reminder and a letter will be sent home if it happens on several occasions. Any pupils who often forget to bring the correct t-shirt, shorts and trainers will result in less golden time in the school week.

Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education

At Park Lane International School, we believe that PSHE helps to give pupils the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to lead confident, healthy, independent lives and to become informed, active and responsible citizens. We recognise that it can play a central part in the life of our school and should be at the heart of the whole school development. We offer many opportunities throughout the school year to develop and enhance our PSHE programme.

Music

Music flourishes at Park Lane International School and your child will have many opportunities to gain confidence and enjoyment from musical activities. The Primary School has its own choir, which rehearses, after school. The school has strong links with the International School of Music and Fine Arts (ISMFA) and can arrange for your child to receive individual instrumental lessons throughout the year. There are also a number of peripatetic teachers offering private instrumental tuition who can be engaged via the school's extra-curricular co-ordinator, **Ms Kristýna Zíková**.

Information Technology

The use of ICT is integral to the work of Park Lane International School. The school computers will only be used to produce and share age appropriate material. All members of the Park Lane International School community sign an E-safety agreement and must adhere to its content. Children will have access to the internet through safe search engines such as Google Safe search, both of which have high levels of filtering software embedded within them.

Learning Support Department

The Learning Support Department exists to support pupils who need help with their learning so that they can achieve to the best of their ability. The degree of support varies according to the individual needs, the majority of pupils have moderate rather than severe learning difficulties. The **Head of Learning Support is Ioanna Tsouka** (ioanna.tsouka@parklane-is.com) is always happy to speak to parents and pupils in order to offer support and advice. In some circumstances where your child needs one to one intervention on a regular basis parents will be asked to financially support the appointment of a Learning support assistant for their child.

Behaviour

At Park Lane International School we expect and enable our pupils to be **Ready, Respectful** and **Safe**.

At Park Lane International School our aim is to create a learning community where:

- we all have the right to learn and work in a safe environment and to be treated fairly with respect;
- we are all responsible for supporting the rights of others and ourselves;
- we should create a climate where everyone can learn and achieve
- rewards and sanctions should be used to help us to take responsibility for our mistakes and support us to make the right choices in future;
- it is our collective responsibility to build confidence among pupils to show empathy and understanding;

- it is our collective responsibility to develop effective social skills among pupils and to enhance emotional well-being;
- we have clear and agreed methods of reporting and responding to incidents of behavior both positive and negative.

For a behaviour policy to be effective, it must be consistent. To achieve this consistency, teachers, parents and pupils must share in the responsibility for upholding school rules.

TEACHERS are responsible for instructing their pupils on the rules of acceptable behaviour. They are also responsible for applying proper consequences when a pupil's behaviour is inappropriate.

PARENTS are responsible for reviewing the rules of appropriate behaviour with their own child/children. They are responsible too, for supporting and co-operating with the school in applying consequences, which result from inappropriate behaviour.



The House System

Park Lane International School has a four-house system. They are named after the four elements. However, they are more commonly recognised by their designated colour.

- Air or Yellow House
- Earth or Green House
- Fire or Red House
- Water or Blue House.

Each pupil is assigned a '**House**'. This will be the house that the pupil belongs to from their time at Park Lane. Pupils are placed in a house on a random basis, unless he or she has a brother or sister currently in the school, in which case every effort is made to ensure they are placed in the same house as their sibling.

House events

Throughout the year we have a number of House competitions to enthuse and excite pupils and encourage co-operation. A House Trophy is awarded each term.

Class Dojo/House points

Points are accumulated weekly and totals are announced during the Friday Assembly. At Park Lane, house points are recorded electronically using an online system called 'Class Dojo' which should be on every day in class. The Class Dojo is an online reward system found at <https://www.classdojo.com/en-GB/>

