

GRADE 1 2025



**Welcome to Da Silva Academy
Combined School.**

**We hope to have a good relationship
with all of you and may the year 2025
be a great success.**

Da Silva Academy



Mission and Vision Statement

“Mission”

We, the Community of Da Silva Academy School, strive to provide equal educational opportunities for children, irrespective of race or creed. We endeavour to create an atmosphere of understanding and dedicate ourselves to the full development of the child. We commit ourselves to a broad and relevant curriculum so that each child can develop emotionally, spiritually, physically and academically, thus enabling him/her to acquire a good self-image. We will create situations in which the children will make choices and accept responsibility for them. We will further staff development both professionally and personally. In pursuing this mission, we strive to promote a feeling of pride in the school and encourage pupil/parent involvement in all areas, through constant interaction.

“Vision”

Da Silva Academy Combined School aims to provide an education of quality which will prepare its pupils holistically for life.

This education will be characterized by:

- Nurturing
- Adaptability
- Empathy
- The objective is the optimum achievement of the potential of each child

Our core values are:

- G – Gratitude
- R – Respect
- E – Empathy
- A – Acceptance
- T – Truth

Our Motto is: “Be proud”

It is the basic philosophy at Da Silva Academy that every one of our children must be given the maximum opportunity in order to prepare them for life. This means more than academic achievement or success examinations. At Da Silva Academy, we aim to create a secure and caring environment in which children can experience success and achieve their full potential within a broad and balanced curriculum. The value of personal, social and moral development is implicit in all that we do.

School Governing Body

Mrs M. Da Silva
Director



Mr T. Da Silva
Chairperson





Mrs T. Hautmann
Principal



Mrs M. Blignaut
Deputy Principal

GRADE 1 EDUCATORS



Mrs J. Pereira
Grade 1A



Mrs N. Govender
Grade 1B



Mrs N. van Heerden
Grade 1C

School Times:



Foundation Phase (Grade 1)- School Day will start at **07:15am** and will end at **13:00pm**.

Half Day learners to be picked up at **13:00pm**.

Full Day learners to be picked up by **16:00pm**.

A fine of R350 will be added to the account if learners are picked up late.

Aftercare / Intervention



Da Silva Academy Combined school offers **AFTERCARE** for the learners where teachers will assist the learners with their homework. Snack will be provided for the learners in the afternoon. We encourage parents to please go through the homework with the learners and to read with their child every day.

Intervention classes are also available for learners that may be struggling in certain areas of learning. Teachers will focus on the specific area to help the learner improve.

- Cost: R550pm - 14:00 - 15:00/15:30

Drop off & Collection Gates

- Grade 1: Bethlehem Drive Gate

Menu Available at the Tuckshop.



Food

- Egg, Cheese and Tomato Roll/Toast – R35
- Chicken Mayo Roll/Toast – R30
- Hotdog Roll - R25
- Cheese and Egg Roll – R30
- Egg, Ham, Cheese and Tomato Roll/toast- R40
- Chips R25/ Chips and Vienna R40
- Pies R30

Drinks

- Water – R10
- Tropica - R10
- Zoom Juice – R6
- Coldrinks R18

Orders are to please be placed in the morning by 07:30am to ensure food is ready by first break.

COMMUNICATION FROM SCHOOL TO PARENTS

- Letters
- WhatsApp Groups
- Email



CULTURAL / SPORTS

The following Cultural/Sports activities are offered by the school:

- Choir
- Public Speaking
- Drama
- Soccer
- Athletics
- Netball



Extra Murals at Da Silva Academy.

The following outside providers provide the following extra murals:

- Soccer Strikers
- JivaCise
- Mini chefs
- Beaux-Arts
- Junior Gymnastics



TEAM HOUSES

The Houses are as follows:

- **Fire (Red Team)**
- **Earth (Green Team)**
- **Wind (Yellow Team)**
- **Water (Blue Team)**

2024 Entrants will be allocated into a team and will remain in that team while attending Da Silva Academy. Shirts are available at Professional Schoolwear.



School Uniform Information

Please take note of the following for the school uniform. It will be **COMPULSORY** for learners to have the correct uniform. School uniform can be purchased at the following shops:

- Professional Schoolwear, 53 Steen Street
- Babusi, 1A Oliver Tambo Drive
- Bezmans, 55A Von Wielligh



Grade 1.

Summer

- Boys- White school shirt with the school badge on, school pullover (optional), black short pants, long black school socks with orange stripes and black school shoes ONLY.
- Girls- School tunic (NO SHORTER than four fingers above their knee), short black school socks with orange stripes and school shoes ONLY. Learners have to wear a ski pants underneath.

Winter

- Da Silva Academy tracksuit with the orange LONG SLEEVE shirt (Can be purchased at school office), black school socks with orange stripes and black school shoes ONLY.

OR

- Boys- White long sleeve shirt with school badge, school jersey with school badge, long black school pants, black school socks with orange stripes and black school shoes.
- Girls- Tunics (NO SHORTER than four fingers above the knee) with black stockings, school jersey (black with school badge on) and black school shoes. Learners have to wear a ski pants underneath.

PE Uniform: ONLY TO BE WORN ON PE DAY

- Boys- PE shirts with black shorts, short black socks with orange stripes, black or white tekkies.
- Girls- PE shirt with black shorts, short black socks with orange stripes and black or white tekkies.

(Please pack an extra pants in for the PE days).

Foundation Phase Academic Programme

We are using the CAPS Platinum Textbooks as part of our curriculum.

Jolly Phonics

- Children learn the 42 sounds in English
- 60+ sight words
- Fun actions to help memorise sounds
- Fun games and activities for consolidation
- Spelling is code-based

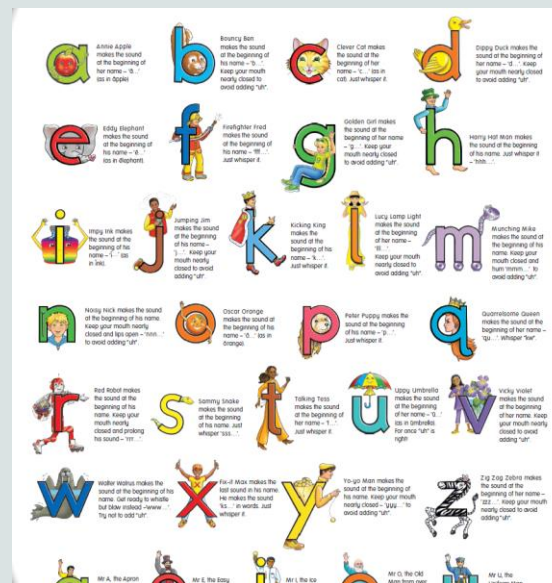
Reading: Letterland

- Characters remain the same through the phase
- Children identify with the characters in the book
- Readers are bright and colourful
- Good repetition of vocabulary at each level
- Group guided and shared reading
- Love for reading encouraged

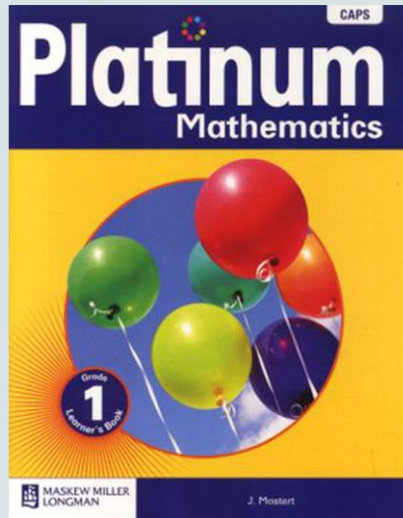
- Learners taught to read with comprehension
- Each book is a wonderful adventure for the characters

Platinum Maths

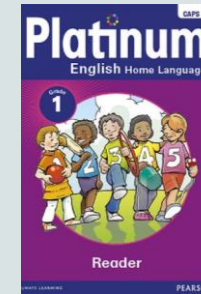
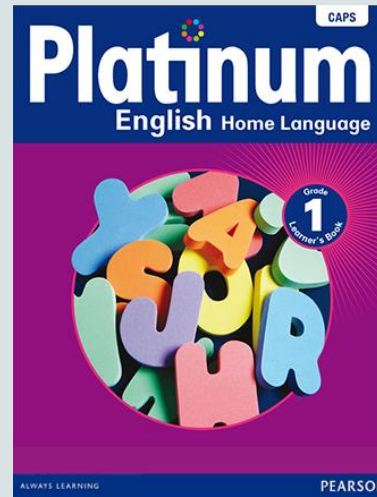
- Encourages children to think creatively, logically and independently
- Good step by step progression
- Lovely concrete aids to encourage practical learning
- Fun activities to cover all mathematical concepts
- Love for mathematics instilled in each learner



Grade 1 Subjects & Textbooks.



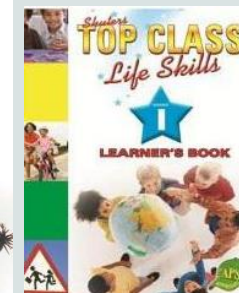
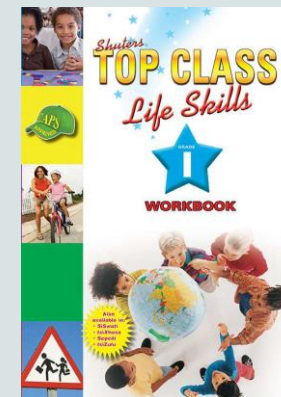
MATHEMATICS



ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE .



AFRIKAANS FIRST
ADDITIONAL
LANGUAGE



LIFE SKILLS

Homework

- Homework sheets will be pasted in the homework books every Monday. Homework must please be **completed every day**.
- Aftercare teachers, may assist with homework but Parents need to sign the homework sheet and check the homework daily. Parent involvement plays an important role in the success of the learner's school career.
- Learners need to read EVERYDAY at least for 20 minutes every evening.
- One week a month there will be no homework as we believe that family time is very important, and learners need that time to be children. Learners that attend aftercare will not just be playing in the afternoons for that week, they will focus on the reading and spelling only

Workbooks

As per the North West Department of Education requirement all workbooks (NOT TEXTBOOKS) **need to be covered with pink covering**. On the first day of school, learners will receive a white paper book cover that is to be pasted on the pink covering on the front of the book. Once it is pasted, then book can be covered with plastic.

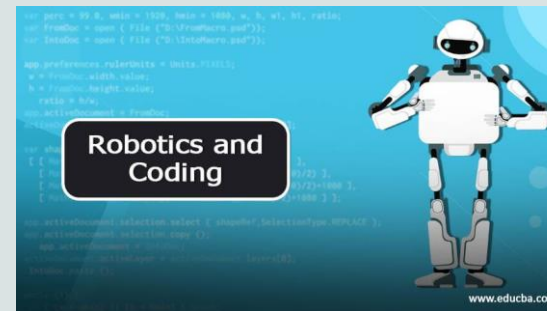
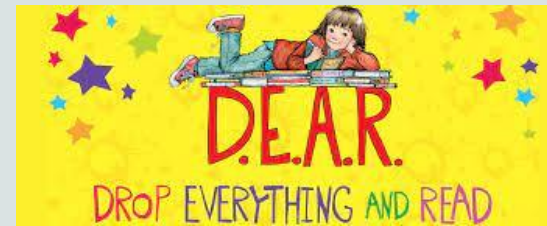
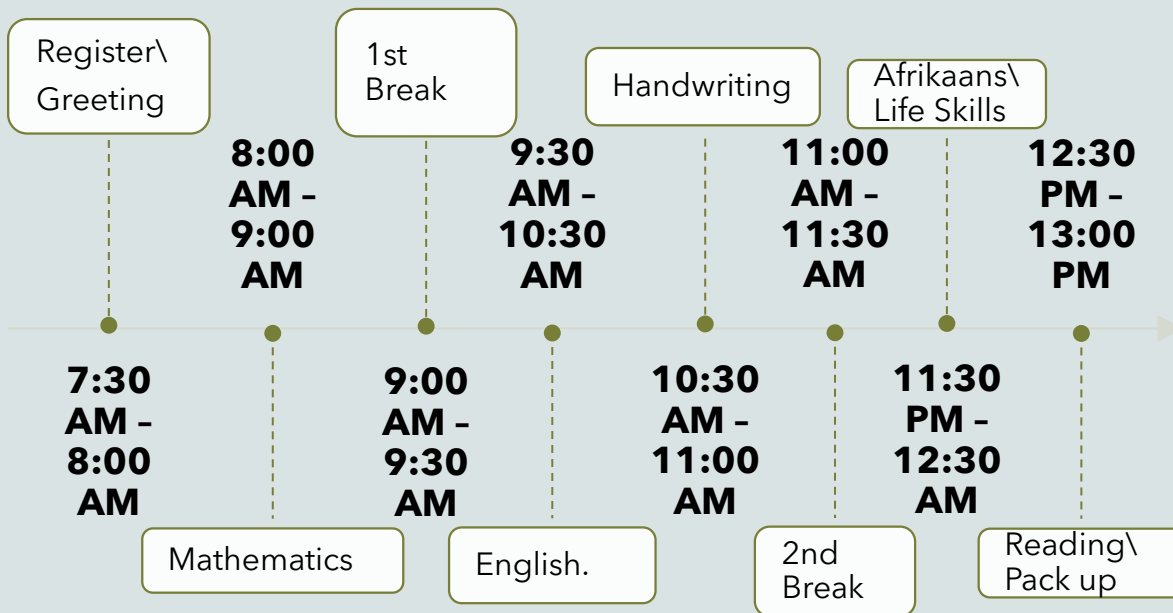
The pink covering can be purchased at **Bhams Stationers**.



Grade 1 timetable.

The following are done once a week:

- Assembly.
- Reading (D.E.A.R)
- Computers (Robotics and Coding)
- PE (Physical Education)



Once a year the following events take place.



Athletics.



Photo day.



Awards evening.



Concert.



Carnival.

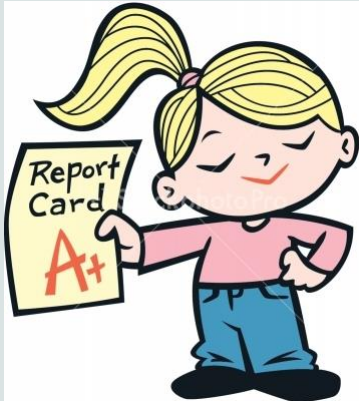
Throughout the year we celebrate/ host different events for example:

- Valentine's day.
- Mandela day.
- Arbour day.
- Casual day.
- Anything but a school bag.
- Mix match day.
- Various charity events, example SPCA, Hospice etc...

Grade 1 learners have 2 outings throughout the year.

Reports.

- There will be four reports during the year.
- There will be parents evening every Term after the school holidays.



Important Documents



- Da Silva Academy Assessment Policy.
- The Code of Conduct.
- Camera and Audio Surveillance Policy.
- Da Silva Academy School Rules.
- Discipline Policy.
- Bully Policy
- School Fees/ Accounts Letter.
- Marketing Form.
- Outing Form.

ALL DOCUMENTS NEED TO BE SIGNED AND SENT TO SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.