



Parents Information 2020/2021

Welcome to Year 1! We have a very exciting year ahead with many new skills to develop and topics to explore. Mrs Carter will be joining us to support in class each morning and Mrs Joyce will be teaching us on a Thursday afternoon.

Below are some of the important aspects of being in Year 1:

Expectations of Class

We expect the children to respect each other and our classroom, and to follow the teacher's instructions. We encourage them to keep to our class 'Going for Green' rules, which follow the whole school positive behaviour policy. These are: - ***We are gentle. We are kind and helpful. We listen. We are honest. We work hard. We look after ourselves, each other and our property.***

We celebrate Golden Time on a Friday as a reward.

Curriculum

It is extremely important to have a smooth transition from Foundation Stage to the National Curriculum. Through discussions with Mrs Ritchie, I have a good picture of where the children are in their learning journey and where they need to go next. We have the perfect environment to have play based learning, for those who need it, and challenges for those ready to move on. We will be providing a learning environment which caters for your child's individual needs.

Themes

Our themes this year are:

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| Autumn | All About Me/Toys from the Past |
| Spring | Whatever the Weather/Kings and Queens |
| Summer | Growing/Transport - Wright Brothers/Amy Johnson |

Please check out our school website for more detail each term.

Reading

We will hear the children read in class as much as possible. With this in mind, could you please ensure that your child has their reading record and books with them **every day**. It is also very important that they read to you at home whenever possible, if not every night. A small positive comment, or a short note about any problems would be helpful and we will change the books on Monday and Friday.

Phonics Screening

We have daily phonics sessions for the children that are tailored to their individual levels. This grouping of the children has been very successful and we are seeing a positive impact in the children's reading and writing. The phonic sessions start at 9.10 am therefore it is essential that the children are in class and ready to start at that time or they miss out on vital steps in their learning.

The statutory phonics screening check will take place the week commencing Monday 7 June 2021 . **Please ensure your child is in school this week.**

The purpose of the Year 1 phonics check is to confirm whether individual pupils have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. Pupils who have not reached this standard at the end of Year 1 will receive support from school to ensure they can improve their phonic decoding skills. Pupils will then have the opportunity to retake the screening check at the end of Year 2.

The check will take the form of a ten page booklet with four words on each page. The check will contain 40 words, which the pupils will read one-to-one to me. Half the words will be real words and the other half will be non-words (pseudo/alien words). Each pseudo word will be accompanied by a picture of an alien. This is used to provide the children with a context for the word they are being asked to decode (naming the imaginary/alien creature).

We will be doing a lot of preparation work in class for the screening test and through homework. Any extra work you can do with your child would be greatly appreciated.

Homework

Homework will be sent out in special plastic homework bags on a Friday. Please ensure your child completes this and returns it to school on the following Wednesday.

Uniform Reminder

Uniform and bags need to be clearly labeled with names please, including ties!

PE

PE sessions take place on a Friday morning. These sessions will take place outside so please ensure your child has a full outdoor PE kit with everything labelled. A lightweight waterproof may come in handy.

Any concerns or questions about anything here please let me know.

Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated.

Mrs Martin