

Reading Books

All Year 1 and 2 children will be allocated a reading 'band' based on their phonic understanding. They will be given one 'decodable' book linked to this band—a book which they should be able to read using their phonic knowledge. They will also have a 'non-decodable' book (which they may need help with, to read some words which do not adhere to the phonics rules they have been taught so far) as well as a 'Reading for Pleasure' book from a selection at school. This can be read to, or with, them at home.

Children will be expected to take their reading books and log home each night and return with them to school the following morning. An adult (not necessarily always the class teacher) will hear your child read at least once a week. Parents are requested to sign the reading log after listening to their child read.

With the decodable book, it is important that your child reads it at least 3 times at home: first to decode the words, second to read with more automaticity and third to answer comprehension questions from the adult.

Homework

Homework for all children in Y1 and Y2 will be set electronically via Seesaw each Friday—starting 18th Sept. The 'main' part of homework each week changes focus e.g. English/Maths/Topic but there are always tasks linked to targets and the week's learning which should be ongoing e.g. mental maths, spelling, etc. To minimise the number of things going between home and school, we would encourage submitting of homework electronically via photo/video through messaging your child's teacher on Seesaw / email before the following Friday. The teacher will feed back verbally to your child during the following week. We know that sometimes illness or the business of life gets in the way of doing all the tasks—if you need to prioritise reading together over the homework for example, we understand and will not be giving sanctions to children for missing homework at this point in their school life.

And finally....

We really look forward to getting to know you and working with you and your child.

The KS1 Teaching Team

Starting in Y1 or Y2

September 2020



Transition

This information is aimed at helping to prepare you & your child for September in order to ensure that their transition is as smooth as possible.

We know that the move from F2 to Year 1 can be a challenge, and know that this year, for all our children in Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2), returning to school after such a long time will hold a mixture of excitement and anxiety and many other emotions! The start of this half term especially will see us spending plenty of time getting to know the children and allowing them time to get to know their classmates; providing for their wellbeing as much as their academic provision.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the

The Classes

This year we have three classes: a Y1 class, a Y2 class and a mixed Y1/2 class.

The class teachers are:

Mrs Hesketh & Mrs Monks (2HM)

Mrs Hesketh will teach the class on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; Mrs Monks will teach the class on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Miss Cave (1C)

Miss Collins (1/2C)

The Learning Day

The children will come into school between 9am and 9.10, and wash hands before coming into the classroom. During the morning they have one breaktime during which they will have a fruit snack. Our lunch break is from 11.30-12.30 (eating at 12). We have one break time during the afternoon, and finish school at 3.30.

Every day, the children will have a phonics lesson (Y2 will begin RWI spelling lessons later on this term), as well as Maths and English in whole class or group sessions (e.g. spoken language, reading or writing focus). There will be lessons delivered by their teacher on other subjects such as RE, Geography, Science, Art, Computing, PE etc throughout the week which may link to a common theme. As well as the whole class or group work covered with the adult, the children will be able to spend some of their school day furthering

Equipment

Children are asked to bring a medium sized school bag or rucksack into school every day. This should contain a water bottle, lunch (if they have packed lunch), reading books, sun cream / sun hat / winter hat / scarf dependent on weather. We ask that children do not bring in toys or have decorations on their bag, as they are not needed - as well as to prevent loss or breakage. We also ask that they have a spare set of underwear, trousers/skirt and tights/socks in a plastic bag, in case of accidents.

Food & Drink

We would appreciate it if the children could come in with their water bottle filled ready for the day, and take it home each afternoon so that it can be cleaned.

Children in KS1 have the opportunity to have one piece of fruit / veg a day (e.g. apple, clementine, carrot). If you prefer to supply your child with a snack for breaktime, please ensure it is fruit (not nuts/crisps etc due to allergies of pupils in school).

For children having school dinner, they will be asked to make their choice at the start of

Uniform

Please ensure that all items of school uniform, PE Kit and possessions are clearly marked with the name of your child.

PE & GAMES KIT

Each class will usually have indoor PE and outdoor games on the same day. On this day the children are expected to come to school in their school PE kit and will wear this all day, just as they have done last year.

We will let you know when your child's PE day is in September, once class timetables have been finalised.

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In the interest of health and safety, no jewellery (including earrings) is to be worn in