



WEST BOROUGH

YEAR 1 PARENT INFORMATION



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Pinetum Team—Year 1 Staff

Cedar Class

Teacher—Mrs Bunting
TA—Mrs Parris
LSA—Mrs Manser

Cherry Class

Teacher – Miss Woollard
TA – Mrs Lee
LSA—Mrs Manser

Leader of Learning - Mrs Everest (Y1 & Y2)

OUR TOPICS THIS YEAR WILL BE

Term 1 Hello, I am new here

Term 2 Let's Explore Toys

Term 3 Traditional Tales from around the world

Term 4 Starry Night

Term 5 Circle of Life

Term 6 We're Going on an Adventure

Trips/Events

Walking to Clare Park – Thursday 10th October 2019

Toy Day – Thursday 31st October 2019

St Andrews Church – date to be confirmed

Bodiam Castle – Thursday 18th June 2020

Forest School

We are so excited that the children will continue to have Forest School every other Friday afternoon with their class teacher. Children will need to have a pair of wellies and their water proofs from Year R which they can keep in school. If your child needs new waterproofs, these can be ordered from the School Office.

PE

Cedar Class and **Cherry Class** have PE on a Wednesday morning with Mr Atkinson and a Thursday afternoon with their class teacher.

PE kits need to be kept in school.

All earrings need to be removed on PE days.
If your child does not have a correct PE kit they will not be able to take part in these sessions.

Reading

Your child will be read with at least once a week in school. So we can work in partnership, we would like you to make the commitment as well to read with your child as frequently as possible. Your child's book will be changed three times a week. **It is important that you sign to say you have read with your child and keep the book in their book bag.** If you don't, their book will not be changed. Thank you.

Buster's Book Club—Reading

We will be continuing Buster's Reading incentive scheme this year. Children will receive a new bookmark very soon. Please record the number of minutes that they have read on a Wednesday evening ready for data collection on a Thursday. If your child has exceeded their target minutes please record this on the bookmark too. We will then collect the data and awards will be given out in Friday Assembly. This includes badges and class trophies.

In Year 1, our target is to read **10 minutes per night.**

Uniform

Children are expected to be in the correct uniform every day. Only stud earrings can be worn and need removing for PE.

Long hair needs to be hair up if it is shoulder length or longer (plain hair clips/bands), no nail varnish, transfer tattoos or trainers.

Please label all clothing, including coats and wellies!

The children need a school book bag, available from the school office and **NOT** a rucksack due to space available.

We are very lucky at West Borough Primary School to have children who are talented in a variety of areas; from karate to singing from playing a musical instrument to ballet dancing. This year we would like to celebrate these talents in our team assemblies. Please keep your class teacher updated with any hobbies and interests your children take part and achieve in - they may even like to perform and share their talent in front of their peers!
We look forward to seeing some exciting talents.

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Behaviour & Rewards

In Year One, we continue to follow the school policy for behaviour which focuses on positive reinforcement. Unacceptable behaviour may include children getting a strike against a Proud of You event.

We will speak to you personally if we are concerned about your child's behaviour or if we need to inform you of an incident involving your child.

We will also inform you when your child does something fantastic!

Home Learning

At the start of each new term the children will be given a topic web. This will have a selection of tasks to complete during the term. The expectation will be that a task will be completed weekly and handed in on a **Thursday**. The choice of task to be completed that week will be up to the child. They will be shared weekly on a Friday and given verbal feedback along with 1, 2 or 3 house points. Points are given out focussing mainly on effort and according to the expectations of the individual child. There will be a home learning award each week in our Pinetum Team assembly.

Communication

There will be a member of staff from the Year One team on the door at the beginning of the day. If you need to speak to the class teacher, please let the member of staff on the door know and we will find a convenient time to meet. In addition, we do not use the contact books as you have been in Reception. Please write a note in your child's reading record book or just speak to us with any issues. Thank you for helping your children become independent and take responsibility for their own belongings.

Learning

In Year 1 we continue to build on the learning the children have undertaken in the Early Years Foundation Stage. We will be doing lots of practical activities and the children will continue to do Child Initiated learning. We begin to introduce the National Curriculum and Computing learning as an integral part of our curriculum. We will keep you informed of our learning on our Class Blog.

Topic Reports

At the end of each term, your child will bring home a topic report.

This is our way of telling you all of the wonderful things we have been learning in the foundation subjects. Your child will also comment on what they have enjoyed.

Please take the time to read and comment on the report, before sending it back to school.

Healthy School Packed Lunches

The majority of pupils in Year 1 & 2 have a school dinner as this is provided free of charge. If your child does have a packed lunch, please note the following. (Y1/2 only)

As a Healthy School, we ask that children have suitable items in their packed lunch box. We ask that they only have one of the following: Crisps, biscuit, cereal bar, cheese string, Peperami, cake/cake bar.

Help your child to be ready for learning by ensuring they have a good nights sleep and breakfast! Please bring in a water bottle for your child to keep at school. Learning is thirsty work!

School Priorities for 2019-2020

Every year, the school produces an Improvement Plan that lays out what it hopes to achieve during the coming terms. This is approved by Governors who monitor the impact of any improvements. Once again, our end of Key Stage results are very strong and we are achieving above National standards in the vast majority of subjects at every Key Stage, EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. This is a testament to all the hard work of our pupils and the staff, supported by you at home.

Last year our focus included enhancing subjects beyond English and Maths, to ensure we provide a broad and balanced curriculum that is rich and engaging. This was enhanced by many events, including our Arts Week and Language Fair. We hope to include many more events like these this year. Reading was another focus and again we have seen greater numbers of children engaging in reading both in the classroom and beyond, and end of Key Stage results validate this. This year we will have a focus on Writing with a mastery approach. This follows on from our successful Maths Mastery teaching. This ensures children have mastered a writing skill before moving on to the next stage. More information will become available as we go through the year. We shall also be developing the children as global citizens, ensuring they have a growing understanding of the current issues affecting the world we live in. Finally, we have an embedded assessment and reporting system across the school, however we would like to adapt these procedures this year This will involve parents views to ensure we are providing you with the most relevant and accessible information about your child's progress and attainment throughout the year. We shall update you on progress of our priorities as we go through the year.

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