



WEST BOROUGH

YEAR 1 PARENT INFORMATION



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September 2020

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Year 1 Staff

Cherry Class – Class Teacher: Miss Woollard
Trainee Class Teacher: Mrs Andrews
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Lee
Cedar Class – Class Teacher: Mrs Bunting
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Skinner

Leader of Learning for Pinetum Team (Y1&2): Mrs Everest
PPA Cover (PE and Music) is Tuesday mornings. This is covered by Mr Atkinson/Mrs Hill. Children need to wear their PE kits to school on a Tuesday.

Rainbow Challenge

This term we have introduced a rainbow challenge. Every afternoon children have an opportunity to complete 6 different activities which are connected to their learning. When the children have completed an activity they will receive a coloured lolly-stick to put in their rainbow pocket. If they choose to complete all 6 challenges by the end of the week, they will receive a rainbow sticker and a certificate.

Our Learning

During the course of the year our topics will be:
Term 1—Hello I'm 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—Castle Adventure

For the first few weeks we are spending time helping the children reconnect with each other and school life. We are also gauging where the children are in their Maths and English learning, so we can plan to fill any gaps. Please be reassured that we are taking things slowly whilst everyone settles back in to school life.

Learning is cross curricular and we will continue to focus on deepening understanding of Maths through the mastery approach and English skills. Children will be expected to write in Standard English and expectations of handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar will continue to be high.

We will continue to develop learning skills alongside our core values and curriculum. These skills enable children to become life long learners. The focus of these skills change every other term.

Any trips or visits will be confirmed later on in the year when we have more clarification about what it is safe for schools to do.

Superhero Maths

By the end of Year 1 children are expected to know their number bonds to 10 and 20. We will be teaching number bonds during our Maths lessons and will shortly begin Superhero Maths Challenge on a Friday. Children will demonstrate their number bond knowledge and will receive a certificate when they answer all the questions correctly three times in a row. All children will start on the Spiderman challenge.

Learning at Home

Children are expected to read at home at least 3 times a week and the contact book should be signed. However, reading books need to be in school every day. Reading books will be changed once a week on a Friday for the foreseeable future.

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. Our target in Year 1 is to read for at least 10 minutes per night. After half term we will send home 5 spellings on a Friday in your child's reading record. Please practise reading and writing ready for the spelling challenge the following Friday.

Class Bear

Each week a child will be chosen to take home Cherry/Cedar Bear for the weekend. On return the bears will be washed ready for the next child.

Water Bottles and Fruit

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school everyday. A fruit snack will be provided.

We have had a wonderful week in Year 1. The children have settled in so well and have thoroughly enjoyed exploring their new classrooms and playing in the outdoor area with their friends. We will be going to Forest School later in the term, unfortunately we are unable to go every week. Your child will receive a sticker the day before to make you aware. Please bring in waterproofs and wellies for this day, these will then be sent back home to be washed. We are looking forward to a wonderful year with your children.

Class Teacher Contact

As we are unable to have face to face contact with parents currently, we will endeavour to keep you up to date with what we've been learning via our website. We may also call you from time to time. Should you need to contact your child's teacher, please write a note in your child's contact book. Alternatively, you can email their teacher. Please note that emails may not be checked during the day, so if your matter is urgent, please contact the school office.

Cherry Class: cherry@west-borough.kent.sch.uk

Cedar Class: cedar@west-borough.kent.sch.uk

Equality, Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Challenge