



WEST BOROUGH

YEAR 1 PARENT INFORMATION



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September 2021

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Year 1 Staff

Cherry Class – Class Teacher: Miss Woollard
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Lee
LSA: Mrs Ilieva

Cedar Class – Class Teacher: Miss Meakin-Scott
Trainee Class Teacher: Mrs Collins
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Skinner
LSA: Miss Palmer

Leader of Learning for Pinetum Team (Y1&2): Mrs Edinburgh
PPA Cover (Child initiated time and Music) is Tuesday mornings. This is covered by Mrs Skinner, Mrs Lee and Mrs Hill.

Rainbow Challenge

This term we will introduce 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

This school year we have introduced a new Relationships & Health Education curriculum (RHE) called Jigsaw and we have been focusing on 'Being Me' this term.

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.

Any trips or visits will be confirmed soon as it looks like we will be able to resume this this year .

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 should read everyday at home and the Reading record book should be signed by a parent/ carer. Reading books will be changed once a week, however, reading books need to be in school every day. Children will change their own books (with support from the adults).

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.

Home Learning is due in on a Thursday and will be sent home on Friday.

P.E

P.E will be on a Monday and Thursday. This term Monday will be yoga in the hall and Thursday will be multi skills outside. Please ensure your child wears trainers and is appropriately dressed as we will be outside whatever the weather.

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 continuing to go to Forest School, every other Wednesday. We will send a reminder via Dojo. Please bring in waterproofs and wellies for this day—these will then be sent back home . We are looking forward to a wonderful year with your children.

Class Teacher Contact

As we are limiting face to face contact with parents currently, we will endeavour to keep you up to date with what we've been learning via our Class Dojo. We may also call you from time to time. Should you need to contact your child's teacher, please send a message via Class Dojo. However, to report an absence please use ParentMail or to advise of a change in collection arrangements please contact the school office via phone or email.

Equality, Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Challenge