



WEST BOROUGH

YEAR 1 PARENT INFORMATION



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September 2024

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Year 1 Staff

Cherry Class – Class Teacher: Miss Woollard
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Lee and Mrs Skinner

Cedar Class – Class Teacher: Miss Meakin-Scott
Teaching Assistant: Miss Fernandes, Mrs Lee & Ms Akbar

Leader of Learning for Pinetum Team (Y1&2): Mrs Eades
PPA Cover Every other Friday. This is covered by Mrs Hill and Mr Atkinson.

Our Learning

During the course of the year our topic enquiry questions will be:
Term 1: What was life like when our grandparents were young?

Term 2: What's it like where we live?

Term 3: Who am I?

Term 4: Where in the world do we live?

Term 5: Who lived there?

Term 6: What are seasons?

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.

Alongside our academic curriculum, children are taught a range of skills which help them to become resilient citizens. As well as a focus on our Core Values, pupils will have regular RHE (Relationship & Health Education) sessions and develop their knowledge and the use of Zones of Regulation. These zones help children to recognise and communicate how they are feeling in a safe, non-judgemental way. Any trips or visits will be confirmed later on in the year.

P.E

P.E will be on a **Wednesday and Friday**. Please ensure your child wears trainers and is appropriately dressed as we will be outside whatever the weather. **All earrings must be removed on PE days.**

Water Bottles and Fruit

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

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.

Phonics

The children have daily Phonics sessions in groups which match the phase they are currently working on. The reading books that the children take home are also matched to the phase they are currently working on in Phonics. In June, the children will complete a Phonics assessment with their class teacher. More information will follow about this later in the year.

Learning at Home

Children should read everyday at home and their 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 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.

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. Please ensure your child has waterproofs and wellies in school. We are looking forward to a wonderful year with your children.

Class Teacher Contact

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. Absences can be reported via ParentMail, or by telephone (01622 726391). To advise us of a change in collection arrangements, please telephone the office (by 2:15pm where possible) or let the class teacher know the day before. Please note that Dojo's may not be checked during the day, so if your matter is urgent, please contact the school office.

Equality, Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Challenge