



A Guide to Class 1

Here are a few reminders of the routines in class 1.

Staffing

Mrs Garner-Veal (Mon-Thurs) and Mrs Buckley (Fri) are the class teachers with Mrs Buckley, Mrs Lamont Mrs Rogers and Miss Hodge as the Teaching Assistants. If you would like to discuss anything with us, we are available straight after school, please just catch us after we have dismissed the children on the playground or you can email the office to make an appointment.

Reading

Reception children; your child will need to have both their link book and their reading book in school every day. A member of staff will listen to your child read daily, as part of the English lesson. When they are ready the children embark on the Read Write Inc (RWI) book scheme starting with blending books and then colour banded books. Your child will receive the corresponding book bag book in addition to the weekly focused text. Nursery children; your child will have books without words and then progress to the RWI blending books when they are ready.

We expect your child to read to you or share a book with you at least 5 times a week. Please remember all children are unique and will develop their reading skills at different rates. Parents can help their child by asking them questions about what they have read to develop their understanding and by modelling good reading including the use of expression. Please sign the home/school link book when you have read with your child. Reading books will be changed on Mondays. If your child has read their own books at home, you may write these into the link book as well. We will be running some training for parents in September to help you to support your child with learning phonics through our RWI scheme.

Library Books

In the Spring term your child has the opportunity to visit the school library weekly. This is their chance to change their library book. Library day will be confirmed in January.

Home Learning

We set termly Home Learning challenges on Google Classroom. The challenges will be themed around our topic and current learning in school. They are intended to be fun and engaging. The children are always welcome to share their home learning with us and will receive a house point or two for their efforts! As the term progresses, we will provide other supportive materials such as phonics links and recommended red words to practise.

P.E

P.E takes place on Wednesdays in the Autumn term. We ask children come to school wearing their PE kit - please see the uniform guide. As part of the school uniform, we ask that children wear black trainers every day to school as we are very physical! Please try to buy trainers with velcro as they are much easier for the children to put on and do up.

Belongings

Please make sure that all of your child's belongings are **clearly named** and that any second hand items have your child's name on. Water bottles need to be in school every day. We ask in Early Years for the children to have a pair of **named** wellies that can stay in school so we can immerse ourselves in our outdoor classroom. Children need suitable coats. We offer rolling snacks so there is no need for the children to bring in snacks. We do ask for a £5, half termly donations so we can provide a greater variety of health snacks this is can be paid via Arbor.

Please note Class 1 children are NOT allowed to bring in toys from home, we have a wide selection of resources in class and lost toys can cause distress.

And finally

We are always here to talk about your child or any classroom routines. Please feel free to contact us through the home/school link book or catch us after school. We can be busy in the morning trying to get ready for the day ahead but, if it is urgent, we will always find time to talk to you even if it is to make an appointment for later in the day.

Kind Regards, Mrs Garner-Veal & Mrs Buckley