

Welcome to KS1

We hope you have had a lovely summer and we are looking forward to lots of exciting times ahead with your children!

The KS1 Team

1A – Ms Lawson
1B – Mrs LeMay

2A – Miss Batt
2B – Miss Bednarczuk

Support Staff
Mrs Southgate
Miss Palmer
Mrs Ogborn

Mrs Kersey
Mrs Hartley
Mrs Pockett
Ms Parker
Ms Martin

Attendance and Punctuality

- Attendance and achievement go hand in hand.
- Poor attendance can result in under achievement, difficulty in making or keeping friends, and loss of a child's confidence.
- Punctuality – if your child is late by 10 minutes they are missing an important part of the main teaching activity. e.g. we start our lessons at 8.50am. Please make every effort to ensure that your child arrives at school on time 😊

Reading Books

- Daily reading with your child is essential and will benefit their development in all areas. Each time you read with your child, **please** enter your initials or make a small comment in their reading diary.
- Books will be changed when finished. Children are expected to place their finished books, with their diary, in a tray for changing. Books will only be changed if the diary **has been signed** by an adult.



Reading for pleasure

- In addition to the daily reading books that the children bring home, they also have the option to read a range of exciting books using their Bug Club logins (which will be stuck into their reading records).
- As a school, we truly believe in reading for pleasure and would value your support in encouraging your children to immerse themselves in the world of books.



Spellings

- There will be a mix of high frequency words or phonic family words
- Spellings are given to children weekly (on Fridays) (not until the Spring term for Year 1)
- Spellings are practised throughout the week but not necessarily under 'test' conditions.
- Here are some strategies for learning spellings:

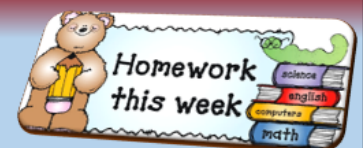
- Look, say, cover, write
- Identify spelling patterns
- Practise daily – Little but often



Homework

- Reading + Bug Club
- Spellings
- Mathematics
- Times Tables Rock Stars (Y2 only)
- Grammar linked to the week's learning (Y2 only). This will be delivered remotely on Seesaw. It will be given out on Fridays and collected in by the following Wednesday.
- Half-termly topic homework projects

We know that parents gain much enjoyment from these, but they are for the children to do!



Behaviour expectations

- The children will work with the teacher to create a set of class rules and class expectations.
- However, the school's Core Values are at the heart of the children's learning:

Respect, Empathy, Aspiration, Confidence, Honesty

- The school's main rules for behaviour are:

- Be Kind
- Be Respectful
- Be Hard Working
- Be Safe



Behaviour Chart

- The children start on green every week and have the opportunity to move through Bronze, Silver and Gold which will earn them house points for their team. Children who achieve gold will also receive a reward card from the Head Teacher. Children who achieve 3 gold awards will be awarded with an achiever's badge.
- There is also a Yellow and a Red area on the chart for rare occasions when children need to reflect on their behaviour.
- As well as the main class behaviour chart, the children may also be rewarded or be given targets more personal to their individual needs.



PE

- PE is on Friday in Year 1 and Tuesday in Year 2.
Children need:

- House-coloured T-shirt
- Plain black shorts
- Plimsolls
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms (no leggings)
- School PE sweatshirt
- No jewellery
- Hair tied back



PE

- Children must come in to school wearing their PE kit on the day they have PE.
- They must also come in to school wearing their kit when they have an after school sports club, including karate.



Water

- Please send your child in with a named water bottle.
- Classes do have plastic cups but we would prefer bottles please.



Clothing

- Please ensure all clothes are labelled.
- It is the child's own responsibility to look after their clothes. So **please** label every item of clothing!
- Having 30 identical unnamed jumpers is every teacher's worst nightmare!

Playground gatherings

- Please exit the playground as soon as you have seen your child safely into school and/or collected them. Despite there being no formal restrictions, we would still like to limit the number of people gathered together where possible and would also like to show sensitivity to those who may still be nervous of large groups.

Finally.....

If you see your friends letting their children play on the play equipment before or after school, please politely remind them that there have been countless emails asking them not to do this. If a child is hurt during this time, we are NOT insured.



General

- Please send a letter if your child is going to be collected by another adult.
- Please do not allow the children to bring in toys or pencil cases/stationery from home. All will be provided in class.
- If you have any issues or questions please feel free to email the class teacher on the following addresses:
year1@harrowlodgeprimary.com
year2@harrowlodgeprimary.com
- A member of staff will respond to your email within 48 hours.

We hope that you will enjoy working alongside the year 1 & 2 team and that your involvement will be a happy experience!

