

Welcome to KS1

2022-2023

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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/Mrs Seed
1B – Miss McLaughlin

2A – Miss Batt
2B – Miss Harrison

Support Staff

Mrs Southgate
Ms Pockett
Mrs Noe
Mrs Rice

Mrs Mallinder
Mrs Francis
Mrs Kersey
Miss Kitts

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 and other slightly less formal learning even from 8.40am. 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** at least enter your initials and preferably 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

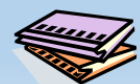
- In addition to the daily reading books that the children bring home, they have the option to read a range of exciting books using their Bug Club logins (which will be stuck into their reading records). They will also have the opportunity to bring home a library book from school.
- As a school, we truly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



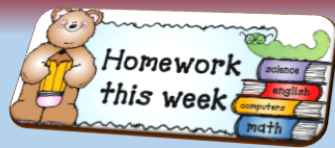
Spellings

- 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 (from Spring 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 Thursday 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.



Water

- Please send your child in with a named water bottle. This should only contain water.
- 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! and will make it much more difficult to keep children's belongings safe.

Playground gatherings

- Please exit the playground as soon as you have seen your child safely into school and/or collected them to avoid overcrowding.
- Also, very importantly, please do not allow your child to ride scooters or bikes through the playground – no matter how young they are. This is to ensure everyone's safety.

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 an email to the office 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!

