

Welcome to KS1

2023-2024

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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

Year 1:

1A - Ms Lawson

1B - Mrs Harding

Support Staff - Mrs Southgate and Mrs Mallinder

Year 2:

2A - Mrs LeMay and Mrs Seed

2B - Miss Bednarczuk (Miss B)

Support Staff - Mrs Kersey and Mrs Kavelashvili



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.
- ▶ Please make every effort to ensure that your child arrives at school on time each day at 8.40am. 😊



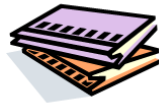
Reading Books



- ▶ 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 they are 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.



Spellings



- ▶ Spellings are given to children weekly (on Fridays).
- ▶ 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 (daily)
- ▶ Spellings (weekly) - This does not start until the Spring term for Year 1
- ▶ Phonics (weekly)
- ▶ Doodle Maths (weekly)
- ▶ Times Tables Rock Stars
- ▶ Grammar (weekly)
- ▶ Half-termly topic homework projects
We know that parents gain much enjoyment from these, but they are for the children to do!

Homework is given out on Fridays and collected in by the following Wednesday.

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 receive a certificate from their class teacher each time. After reaching Gold 5 times, they will receive an Achievers Badge and a Reward Card in the post from the Head Teacher.
- 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



- ▶ Year 1 PE is every Tuesday for both classes.
- ▶ 2A PE is every Monday and Thursday.
- ▶ 2B PE is every Thursday.
 - ▶ Gold polo shirt
 - ▶ Plain black shorts
 - ▶ Plimsolls
 - ▶ Plain black tracksuit bottoms (no leggings)
 - ▶ School PE sweatshirt
 - ▶ No jewellery
 - ▶ Hair tied back

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.
- ▶ Classes do have plastic cups but we would prefer bottles please.



Uniform

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

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 in 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!

