



London Borough of Hillingdon
FRITHWOOD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to Year One.

This is an important time for your child as they make the transition from Early Years to Key Stage One. We are looking forward to a successful year and here are a few housekeeping matters for you.

Softstart

The classroom doors open at 8:45am and the children should come in without parents/carers. The register is taken at 9.00am, after which time you would need to take your child to the front office to be marked in as late.

Reading

The children have been issued a new Reading/Homework Diary and a reading book. These two books must be brought to school every day, but the reading book will only be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Your child will be asked if they need to change their reading book, so please discuss this with them before they come into school. Please sign your child's Reading Diary and make a note of the title of the book that they have read.

Homework

The children will be given homework on a Friday which will be due in the following Thursday. Please ensure the homework is handed in on a Thursday as this is when we allocate time to mark it. The subject of the homework will vary from week to week and may have a English, Maths or topic focus.

Read Write Inc. Red Words

Your child will bring home a list of 'red' words – these are commonly used words that cannot be easily sounded out. We will regularly practise these words in class and your support in helping your child to read and spell these words would be of great benefit to them. The children are taught spelling patterns during daily Read Write Inc. lessons, but please note that they are not required to learn lists of words for spelling tests. If your child has completed the Read Write Inc. scheme then they will have an additional set of words to practise at home which will revisit spelling patterns learnt in class.

PE Kit

All pupils are required to have the correct PE kit which should be clearly named. When possible we will be taking the children outside for PE, so they will need to have a pair of dark, named tracksuit bottoms and plimsolls or trainers. Bluebells' P.E. lessons will be on Tuesday and Friday, Snowdrops' P.E. lessons will be on Mondays and Fridays.

School uniform

The children are encouraged to look after their school uniform, putting jumpers in named trays when they do not need them and hanging coats on named pegs. Their independence in this area is crucial as we have 30 sets of everything floating around the classroom! However, as they are still learning this skill it is not unusual for jumpers, ties, bags etc to go missing. It is therefore beneficial to us to have everything named and this will increase the likelihood of us matching an item to its owner!

Behaviour

We expect a high standard of behaviour at all times. We reward the children for good behaviour with praise, stickers and house points. The children may also be invited to show their work to another member of staff or receive a certificate in Credit Assembly. Following the Golden Rules all week will result in having some Golden Time (free choice) on a Friday afternoon.

Bags and Pencil Cases

The children do not need their own pencil cases as we provide the required stationery. It would be beneficial if they had a school standard reading bag as these fit comfortably into their tray.

Water Bottles

Children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. Please provide your child with a named water bottle that will be kept in the classroom. This should be separate from the drink provided for lunch.

Parent Helpers

If there are any parents or carers who would like to come in to support the children in reading and/or number work, please see the class teacher, as your help would be greatly appreciated.

Year 1 Topics

<u>Term</u>	<u>Topic</u>
<u>Autumn</u>	<u>Houses & Homes</u>
<u>Spring</u>	<u>Babies & Play</u>
<u>Summer</u>	<u>Oceans & Seas</u>

Date for your diary!!

The Year 1 Class Assembly will be on Friday 24th April 2015 at 9.00 am. We would be delighted to see you there.

If you have any more questions, please feel free to ask.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Bonnar and Miss Wood