

# Meet the Teacher Evening

## Year 1

Miss Beck - Class teacher

Mrs Kennedy - HTLA - teaching Year 1 on Wednesday afternoons.

Mrs Crawford - TA every morning

Mrs Cusano - TA on Monday and Tuesday

Mrs Kingman - TA on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

### Reception to Key Stage 1 transition

We are trying to make the transition from Reception to Key Stage 1 as easy as possible. We understand that lots of children find the move to the more formal curriculum very difficult, and miss the freedom that they feel in the Foundation Stage. The provision in Year 1 allows the children to continue to choose many of their own learning activities both inside and outside the classroom. As the year progresses, the lessons will become more formal, in preparation for Year 2.

I have received a thorough handover from Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Clarke for all children in the class.

### Topics

These are the themes that Year 1 intend to follow this year. If you have a particular interest in any of these, or items at home that might support the learning please let me know. I have attached a topic web for 'All About Me'.

Autumn - All About Me

Spring - Toys

Summer - Let's Explore

### Daily routines

**Start of the day:** The classroom will be open from 8.45am and registration starts at 8.50am. Please say goodbye to your child at the gate. If you arrive after 8.55am please go to the office to register. If you need to pass on a message at this time please speak to the office staff.

**End of the day:** Children are dismissed at 3.20pm once I have seen that someone is there to collect them. Please indicate on the board on the fence if your child is being collected by someone else. Regular pick-ups or clubs do not need to be written on the board each day.

### Reading books

Guided reading takes place throughout the week as part of our reading carousel and some children will have the opportunity to read with an adult during the school day. Please ensure that your child has their reading books and reading record in school with them every day.

Children have the opportunity to change their books once a week. They will bring home 3 books to read throughout the week. Reading books will only be changed if there is a comment to say that they have been read.

The children will continue with the books that they were reading in Reception. These are phonics based books and books that follow the Oxford Reading Tree scheme. Throughout the year, when we feel that your child is ready, we will move them onto the school book band system. Your child will then have the opportunity to select their own books from their designated colour band in the school library.

The school reading scheme and book bands system provides the back bone for reading but it is important that your child reads and experiences other books as well. Encourage them to make choices about what they would like to read at home and visit the local library with them.

## Book Bags

The children keep their book bags in their tray during the school day. Please can you therefore limit keyrings to just one? While they help the children to quickly identify their own book bag, too many keyrings make it difficult for them to open and close their trays.

## PE kits

Year 1 will be doing PE on Wednesdays. We will start the year with outdoor PE. They will therefore need suitable footwear and trousers and a long-sleeved top to wear on cooler days. Please ensure that a full PE kit is in school and that all items fit and are clearly labelled. PE kits should be in draw string bags as there is not room in our cloakroom area for backpacks.

## Phonics and Spelling

Children will continue with daily phonics/spelling sessions. At the end of each week they will bring home a sheet containing the phonemes or spelling rules they have been practising in school. There will be an informal check of a couple of these words completed on whiteboards during Monday's lesson. Please support your child to refer back to these rules throughout the year when they are writing.

## Maths

Our approach to Maths will be through practical based activities whilst encouraging children to build a mental picture of the number system and simple calculation methods. We welcome your support with your child's Maths learning for example letting them count coins to pay at the shops and working out the change; helping them to tell the time; as well as playing board and card games.

Please refer to the Year 1 page of the school website throughout the year for further ideas about how to support your child at home.

## Forest Schools

The children will be continuing with Forest School sessions this term. These will take place on a Thursday morning. Please make sure that your child has their wellies and a waterproof coat with them.

## Communication

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please do not hesitate to come and see me. I will be outside at the end of the school day if you wish to talk to me about anything and I will endeavour to keep you informed if anything significant has occurred with your child during the day.

Please see me to make an appointment if you need to discuss anything in detail.

## Bradley Bear

Bradley Bear is our class teddy bear. Each child will have the opportunity to take him home for one weekend throughout the year. On a Monday afternoon, we will have a dedicated few minutes for that child to report back as to how Bradley has spent his weekend. If your child would like to do some writing, or draw pictures to accompany this they can do it in the book that they bring home with Bradley. Bradley Bear will also come home with children during the week but will not report back to the class. Please do not feel pressured by these visits, they are a brilliant opportunity for your child to practise their speaking and listening skills.

## Please help!

If you are able to hear readers on a regular basis, are willing to help with trips or are able to support one of our topics please do let me know.

