

## Key Stage One (KS1) Transition



Welcome to Years 1 and 2!

We are so pleased to be teaching your children next year and we are looking forward to getting to know them over the first few days and weeks in the class.

The KS1 classrooms can be found on the opposite side of the school building to Foundation stage. Please use the rainbow gate closest to the brook. As you come through the black gates Ms Thomson's class, Spider Crabs, is the first door. Miss Terry's, Sea Otters, is the second door. Mrs Potter's, Golden Eagles, are in the last class on the corner of the building and Miss Lyford's, Skylarks, is around the corner.



Year 1 is run along similar lines to the Foundation Stage, in that there are lots of opportunities for independent learning which we call Investigation Time. The children will still have lots of time outside and will be able to choose their own learning paths.

We continue to work on developing your child's independence and as with Foundation stage your child will come into the classroom by themselves.

**At the start of the day** please drop your child at the outside door to the classroom between 8.40am and 8.50. At 8:50 the gate will be locked, and the register will be closed.

One of us will be available at the door to answer any questions or queries you may have. A teacher or a TA will be available in the cloakroom area to help the children find their pegs

etc. Please note there is no need to change shoes. The children will be expected to put their coat, lunchbox, water bottle and book bag away independently and then settle down to their morning activity. At the start of the year this is likely to be a book to look at or a short handwriting task.

*If you need to see us for more than a very quick word, then please email the office to make an appointment, or ask us at the end of the day. We will always find time to see you and address any concerns you might have.*



In Key Stage 1, we start teaching at 8:50 am sharp. The gate is locked at 8.50 am to allow the registers to be taken and lunches confirmed. If you arrive after this time, you will need to come in through the office where office staff will bring your child in to the classroom.

### **End of Day:**

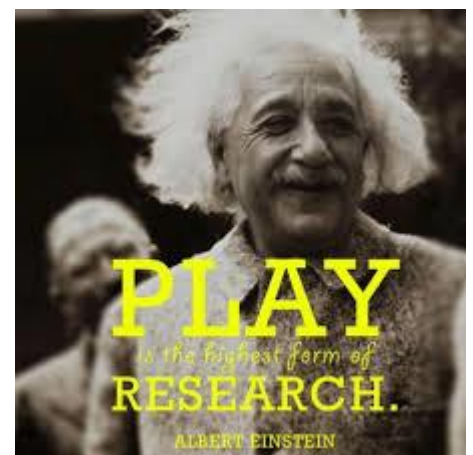
Children will need collecting at 3:20pm. We will allow the children out to you one at a time. Please wait by the outside door. The children will bring out all their bags, coats, water bottles and lunch boxes with them. If there are any changes to the usual person collecting your child, then please email or by ringing the office to let them know during the day.

### **Our approach:**

In KS1 we firmly believe that children learn best through play, experience and investigative learning.

Year 1 will have structured maths and phonics lessons, but all other curriculum areas, topics and skills will be delivered and developed through a variety of approaches.

Although year 2 will have more formal lessons, every opportunity will be taken for them to learn through experience in a creative manner and through exploratory play.



### **PE:**

On PE days, the children will be required to come into school wearing their PE kit.

PE Kit should consist of:

- *A plain white top / house top*
- *Plain black or navy joggers / shorts*
- *A school rugby top (winter - optional) - these are available from 'Make It Mine', our school uniform shop.*
- *Or a plain black/navy jumper (no hoodies)*
- *Sports trainers (can be same as those worn to school, if dark coloured)*

We will be doing PE twice each week and we will inform you of which days your children will need to come already dressed in their PE kit in September. They will be staying in this all day so there is no need to send in a change of clothes. (Please try to ensure your child can fasten their own trainers!)

Please note, for health and safety reasons, hoodies or hooded tops are no longer appropriate. We would rather children do not wear earrings on PE days but if they cannot remove them themselves, we will need to tape them.

**Snacks** - Healthy snacks (fresh fruit, vegetables etc) are provided daily. All children should have a water bottle in school.

**Lunch arrangements** - children are taken to the hall by the teacher. Please continue to book your meals online via ParentPay and remind your child what they are having.

Children should wear **school uniform**. If they are scheduled to do Forest School, it is fine to wear non-school uniform and outdoor appropriate clothing instead.

Please ensure that children have the correct school uniform as follows:

- *Black or grey trousers / shorts / skirt/ pinafore*
- *Red or blue summer dresses*
- *A white polo top / shirt*
- *A Cholsey / maroon jumper or cardigan (no hoodies or fleeces please)*
- *Black school shoes or dark coloured trainers*

Please can we ask that **no toys/keyrings** are brought in from home. All stationery is provided by school. No pencil cases or other equipment from home is needed.

**Home Learning** is not compulsory, however we actively encourage you to provide as many opportunities as possible for out of school learning. We have a Home Learning section on our website where you will find a range of resources and links for home learning.

**Reading** -Your child should already have a login for Bug Club which gives them access to reading books at the appropriate level. If you would prefer a physical book to be sent home, then let your child's class teacher know.

**All children** need to be read with as often as possible, ideally at least four times a week. If we feel there is something else that could be done at home to support your child's learning, then we will speak to you individually.

**Home School Communication** - should we need to speak to you we will always try to do so in person or telephone/email if necessary. A curriculum letter is sent out each term which gives an overview of our learning for the term, and the school bulletin will keep you informed of any events taking place and other messages.



**Medication** - Any medication that may need to be taken during the school day should be given to the class teacher or the school office. This will be kept in the classroom in a clearly marked medical box, out of children's reach. For Asthma inhalers, the date, time and number of puffs will be recorded. You will need to complete a medical form at the office for any medication which needs to be kept at school.

**PPA:** Once a week the teachers have planning time, and the children will be taught by other members of staff - this is usually the same staff each week and they will get to know your children very well.

**Forest School** - Both Year 1 and Year 2 children will attend Forest School on a rota basis. You will be advised which dates your child will attend.

**Key Changes from Foundation Stage:**

- No indoor shoes needed
- Start of day 8:40
- End of day 15:20
- Forest school is not weekly

Please also see the FAQ section on the school's website for other information.

We are really looking forward to meeting your children.

*Regards KS1 Teachers*

**Year 1 Teachers**

Miss Terry



Ms Thomson



## Year 2 Teachers

Mrs Potter (KS1 lead)



Miss Lyford



Mrs Allerton

(student teacher working with Mrs Potter Wed, Thurs, Fri until Christmas)



## Key Stage 1 Teaching assistants:

Mrs Bolt



Mrs Miles



Mrs Trafford



Miss Wiltshire



Miss Crook



Mrs Gesner



Mrs Reed



Mrs Bowen



Ms Faulkner

