

Year 1
Information Booklet

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome you to Year 1. The aim of this booklet is to give you an introduction to life in Year 1 and to give you key information about events and expectations.

Staff Team

The Year 1 team consists of four class teachers and four teaching assistants as shown in the table below. We all plan together and ensure that the children receive the same experiences.

| | 1M | 1B | 1F |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Class Teachers | Miss Martin | Mrs Blyth/Miss Roberts | Miss French |
| PPA Cover Teachers | Miss Noble | - | Mrs Lilley (HLTA) |
| | alternate Wednesdays | | |
| T.A.s | Miss Cruz | Ms McKay (Mon-Tues) Mrs Maber (Wed-Fri) | Mrs Reynolds |

Mrs Kaltz is the S.E.N. T.A. who works with small groups of children carrying out Intervention programmes of work.

Expectations

This year we encourage the children to:

- be more independent than in Reception
- be more responsible for themselves and their belongings
- listen attentively for longer periods of time
- work quietly and independently
- be responsible for giving in their homework
- be able to put their name in the correct lunch option tray

Topics

| Term | Topic Title | Key Texts |
|-------------|----------------------|--|
| Autumn 1 | Fruit and Vegetables | Handa's Surprise Supertato |
| Autumn 2 | Toys - Old and New | Traction man |
| Spring 1 | Tiaras and Turrets | Jack and the Beanstalk Paper Bag Princess Dear Fairy Godmother |
| Spring 2 | Castles | A range of non - fiction texts about Castles |
| Summer 1 | Journeys | A range of non-fiction texts Tom and the Island of Dinosaurs Man on the Moon |
| Summer 2 | Houses and Homes | History link Six Dinner Sid |

School Trips

The curriculum is broadened by visits to a variety of places that link to our topic. The trips are as follows:

- Tesco - fruit and vegetable section
- Hove museum for toy handling session
- Lewes Castle
- Preston Manor

Reading

We ask that children read at home and share books at least three times a week, whether it be their class reading book, library book or a book from home. It is also important that time is given for reading aloud to your child.

- Children are taught comprehension and word reading skills
- Library - all children choose a book once a week (1M Friday, 1F Thursday, 1B Wednesday).

It would be really helpful if you could ensure that reading books are always available in your child's book bag throughout the week.

P.E.

Each class has two P.E. sessions a week, one in the large hall and one outside. We aim to get outside as much as we can - weather permitting. We ask that children bring in tracksuit bottoms and trainers to wear outside.

Homework

- A piece of English or Maths work weekly to be set each Friday and returned by the following **Thursday**
- Children take home one or two books a week from the reading scheme
- Phonics (sounds to learn and words to practise)
- A book of their own choice from the infant library
- Please can children do their homework in pencil

If you have any problems with any of the homework and would like further explanation of any pieces then come and see us as soon as you can after the work is set.

Phonics

All Year 1 children will take the Year 1 Phonics Test in the Summer Term. More information on this nearer the time. Phonics lessons take place on a daily basis.

Medical

- Inhalers need to be full, labelled and not out of date
- All medicines should be kept in medical room and a form completed
- Children should not have cough sweets or lip salves in their pockets or book bags but should be named and given to the class teacher
- Please remember that this is a nut free school

End of the Day

- We are always happy to see you at the end of the day once all the children have been met by an adult
- If your child goes to an after school club e.g. Starfish please inform them if your child is not going to be picked up by them e.g. party, tea, INSET days, school clubs or if they are going to be late back to school from a school trip
- If you know you will be late at the end of the day please inform the office and then we will be given a message and we can reassure your child that you are coming for them!

Labelling of Items

- Please label all clothes and PE shoes
- Please provide your child with a named water bottle

Book bags

It would be really helpful if all children could have a book bag in the classroom in the correct box. They are allowed to have two key ring for identification purposes. Please check your child's book bag daily for letters/leaflets and remove old ones!

Star of the Week

Every Friday a child will be chosen as Star of the Week for the following week. Children can bring in up to 6 of their favourite things on the following Monday to stay in school until the end of the week. During the week they can show and talk about their things to the rest of the class.

If you have any questions regarding any of the information in this booklet, then please come to see us.

Many thanks,

Miss Martin, Miss French, Mrs Blyth and Miss Roberts