

## Year 1 Autumn Term



September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Autumn term of Year One, we hope that you have all had a lovely Summer! We are looking forward to a busy term ahead; here are some reminders and information for the coming term.

### Children's Learning:

In **English** we will be covering a range of genres using Babcock teaching sequences to guide our planning. Our first text is 'The Naughty Bus' by Jan & Jerry Oke. We will be writing our own stories based on this text.

In **Maths** we will be following White Rose Maths units starting with Number and place value. We also deliver a programme in Year One called 'Mastering Number.' This means children receive an extra 15 minutes of Maths a day straight after lunch. This whole class approach focuses on 'Number' and aims to develop their mathematical understanding and fluency.

If you would like to support your child at home, the White Rose Maths 1-minute Maths is a great App to download and let your child play.



**Learning Challenge Curriculum (LCC):** This term we will be looking at the questions 'What materials should the Naughty Bus use to build a shelter?' This is a Science based question where children will explore materials and their properties. After half term, we will have a Geography based question 'What did I see on my train journey from Devon to London?'

**Reading:** The children can choose two reading books on a Friday and they will be changed the following Friday. They will also be able to choose a library book on a Wednesday to keep until the following Wednesday. They will only be able to choose a different book if they return their previous library book.

Daily or regular reading at home is extremely beneficial to your children and we would appreciate your support with this. Please record any reading that you do together at home in their reading diaries. **Their reading record books will be checked on a Friday**, stamped and children will be rewarded for reading regularly at home with stickers to collect. **Please can their reading books and diary be in school every day.** Children will receive a sticker if they have read 4 times or more over the week. If you have any messages for the teacher, please feed these through to the office or staff on the gate in the morning or your child can pass a note straight to their teacher. We are also happy to receive emails or calls and will endeavour to get back to you as soon as we are able.

**Phonics & Spellings:** In class the children will receive daily phonics sessions and we will also be working on the Year 1 Common Exception Words (CEW) and topic-based words.

**Uniform & P.E Kit:** Please could we ask children have a waterproof coat, a sun hat and sun cream applied before they arrive at school. Ensure that your child is wearing correct school uniform and appropriate black school shoes. Please can they come into school wearing their full PE kit on the days below, ensuring this is in line with the PE uniform policy. Kit needs to be suitable for the weather that day. Please ensure all clothes are clearly named.

### **PE days for Yew and Silver Birch - Wednesday and Thursdays.**

**Belongings:** Please can we remind children no toys, games or any other unnecessary items in their bags please, unless it is their show & tell day.

Show & Tell will be on a Friday. Please see the timetable so your child knows when it is their turn.

### **Show & Tell:**

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Berry Meadow
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Oakford
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Hackney
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Greenhill
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Berry Meadow
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Oakford
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Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Hackney
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Greenhill
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Berry Meadow
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Oakford
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Hackney
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Greenhill

**Class Bear:** On a Friday, we will choose a child to take home the class bear for the weekend. They can share their weekend with the bear and write or draw some pictures about their special time together. They will then bring the bear and the diary back into class on the Monday ready to share this with their peers.

**Snack time:** We are provided with fruit for the children in Key Stage One for morning and afternoon break. If children chose to bring in their own snack please can these be a healthy choice. There is also the option to buy toast which you can sign up and pay for via ParentPay.

During school hours we will continue to remind children to drink plenty of water. We encourage all children to bring a named bottle containing **water** so they can easily access water throughout the day.

**Lunch options:** As you can appreciate with free school dinners being available to all children in KS1, it can take a long time to decide what the children are having for their lunch option. Please read through the menu at home so the children have an idea of what they want and so you can check that they will like that option. Children will then be able to choose their own lunch in the morning.

**Sickness:** We would like to remind you that if your child is off school due to sickness, they must not return to school for 48 hours.

**Medication:** The school can only administer prescribed medication which needs to be left in the office with a signed form. Any other medication will need to be administered by parents/guardians.

We look forward to getting to know you and your child.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Many Thanks

Mrs Davies, Mrs Kirk & Mrs Sheldon