



Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to Term 1 at Borough Green Primary School.

Welcome back to a new academic year in Year 3 and 4. We are so looking forward to meeting those of you that are joining us from Key Stage 1 as well as catching up with those of you that we already know.

The Curriculum in Term 1 ...

Our experiences for this term are 'Where the Wild Things Are' and 'Tree Top Challenge'.

We will begin with 'Where the Wild Things Are' and will develop the children's knowledge and understanding of living things and their habitats. This will include observing and analysing plants to enable the children to understand the different parts and their functions; learning about the teeth and digestive system in animals and using classification keys to group animals in a variety of ways.

During our 'Tree Top Challenge' experience the children will have the opportunity to develop their design knowledge and skills as they plan, design and make their own mini treehouses.

We will also be providing lots of opportunity for PSHE to enable the children to get to know us and each other.

Homework

We will initially not be sending or setting any homework to allow the children some time to settle into their new classrooms. Homework is usually set on a Wednesday each week and is expected to be returned the following Monday and we will update you as to when we will begin to set it again.

Reading

As always, we encourage children to read as much as they can and suggest that you try to also hear your child read out loud whenever you can (every day would be brilliant!). This can be so beneficial for building the children's confidence, fluency and level of vocabulary. We use Accelerated Reader in Year 3 and 4 which supports the children in choosing books for themselves at an appropriate level. The children then complete a quiz each time they have finished their book to check their understanding.

Equipment and Uniform

We have asked that children bring in their own stationary this year. These items will be kept in a tray at your child's desk (or a plastic wallet where trays are unavailable) and will only be used by your child. All children in Year 3 and 4 are expected to bring a bag which fits into their lockers and large backpacks are not appropriate.

This is to politely remind you of our school uniform as stated on the school website. Please make sure your child has the correctly coloured items and that all school uniform is clearly named!

Boys – Winter Uniform	Girls – Winter Uniform
Grey trousers	Grey skirt, pinafore dress or tailored trousers
White shirt/polo shirt	White blouse/polo shirt

Grey socks School tie (juniors only, optional) School bottle green round neck/v-neck sweatshirt	White or grey socks Grey, black, green or white tights School tie (juniors only, optional) School bottle green round neck/v-neck sweatshirt or sweatshirt fabric cardigan
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Please ensure that your child wears sensible black shoes to school, not trainers or boots.

PE Kit

It is essential that children have a full P.E. kit in school at all times for our timetabled P.E. sessions and any impromptu sessions we are lucky enough to add in. Please ensure that your child has trainers in their P.E. Kit and not plimsolls as these do not provide any grip when running on the hardcourt and get wet easily if the meadow is damp. Children need to be responsible, not just for having the kit in school, but also for putting it away after sessions and knowing where it is at all times. If a child does not have a P.E. kit, they will still have to come outside to the lesson and contribute to the learning and assessment of others skills. Pupils with long hair should have their hair tied back at all times and earrings must be taken out or protected with tape during P.E. lessons. Teachers are not allowed to take earrings out for children so if they struggle please ensure it is done before they arrive to school that morning. **Year 3 and 4 have P.E. on a Monday and Thursday.**

Outdoor Learning

We hope to have lots of opportunities for outdoor learning so please make sure your children have suitable footwear and waterproof jackets in school every day. This really is essential as we move into the winter months.

Many thanks from,

Mr Wheatley, Mrs Bowers, Miss Phillips and Miss Butterfield.