



Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to Term 1 at Borough Green Primary School.

We are so excited to welcome you back to what is going to be another exciting year and hope that you have all enjoyed your summer break.

The Curriculum in Term 1

Our first experience this year is 'Meet the Flintstones'. This experience will run throughout Term 1 and will focus on aspects of History, Art, D.T Science and Geography.

This experience will take the children back to The Stone Age, which they will then contrast and compare with changes that came with The Iron Age. The children will ask and answer questions related to this time in history and will use secondary sources of evidence to help them further develop their understanding of this period. They will look carefully at how tools and settlements were developed and will think about any impact that this has had on us today. The children will also spend time designing, making and evaluating a cave structure and will think carefully about how they can make sure that it is strong enough to stand by itself. They will investigate evidence of cave painting and will spend time re-creating these on their own caves too.

Reading and Times Tables

It would be much appreciated if you could spend time listening to your child read daily. Reading aloud builds their confidence, fluency and extends their vocabulary. We are continuing to use Accelerated Reader, which gives your child the opportunity to read books at an appropriate level. Children then complete a quiz on that book before they can choose a new one from our library. We welcome comments on how your child has read in their reading record so please feel free to write in this whenever you read with your child. If you have a reading record from last year at home, then please do send this in with your child, as we will be continuing to use them this academic year.

We will be sending home a Times Table Rock Star username and password for each child. This is a fantastic website that the children can use to play games and earn points which in turn, reinforces and consolidates their knowledge of the times tables. Please encourage your child to use this regularly so that they continue to develop and feel secure with their times tables.

Equipment and Uniform

All equipment that your child needs in Year 3 and 4 is provided by the school, which means that pencil cases are not needed in school. All children in Year 3 and 4 are expected to bring a bag that 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 Grey trousers	Girls – Winter Uniform Grey skirt, pinafore dress or tailored trousers
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White shirt/polo shirt	White blouse/polo shirt
Grey socks	White or grey socks
School tie (juniors only, optional)	Grey, black or green tights
School bottle green round neck/v-neck	School tie (juniors only, optional)
Sweatshirt	School bottle green round neck/v-neck
	Sweatshirt or sweatshirt fabric cardigan

Please ensure that your child wears sensible black shoes to school, not trainers or boots.

PE Kit

This year, we have **outdoor PE on a Tuesday and indoor PE on a Thursday**. Please ensure that your child comes into school wearing their PE kit on these days. It is essential that children wear a full P.E. kit in school for our timetabled P.E. sessions. Please ensure that your child wears trainers and not plimsolls on their outdoor PE day as these do not provide any grip when running on the hardcourt and get wet easily if the meadow is damp. If a child does not have a P.E. kit, they will 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 please ensure it is done before they arrive to school that morning.

You are welcome to send children with school uniform to change into if their P.E. becomes wet or very muddy after their lesson.

<p>PE kit: Plimsolls or Trainers (Trainers only for outdoor P.E.) House colour T-shirt White PE shorts Green track suit bottoms or black skins underneath the white shorts maybe worn for outdoor games in cold weather All items of uniform need to be clearly marked with your child's name</p>

Swimming

We are pleased to let you know that Year 3 and 4 will be swimming for two terms starting in Term 1. Year 4 children will need their swimming kits into school every Tuesday afternoon. As this is a PE day, Year 4 children should still come into school wearing their PE kit on this day each week. Year 3 children will need their swimming kits every Wednesday afternoon and will need to come to school in their school uniform. Your child will need their swimming kit, swimming hat, towel and goggles (if they use them) on their allocated day.

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. **Please send a named pair of wellington boots into school with your child.** These can be left at and stored in school so that they are to hand should we need them on a wet day! Children in Year 3 will also be taking part in Forest School sessions every Tuesday during Term 1.

Many thanks from,

Mrs Bowers, Mrs Gordon, Miss Phillips and Mr Wheatley