



## Welcome to Terms 1 and 2 Year 1 and Year 2

### Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to Terms 1 and 2 at Borough Green Primary School.

### Learning Curriculum

**Maths:** We will be following the strands contained within the National Curriculum for Maths for years 1 and 2. We are starting the term learning more about place value, followed by addition and subtraction and then shape.

**Literacy:** We will be using different fairy tales to inspire our writing and have started off the term with 'Little Red Riding Hood'. Year 1 will continue with the Little Wandle phonics programme. Year 2 will be reading a wide range of texts this year and focusing on the year 2 spelling requirements of the National Curriculum. Both year groups will have 3 focused reading aloud sessions each week.

**History:** The theme for History is 'Childhood'. As well as learning the language needed to describe the passing of time we will be looking at what it was like to be a child in the past, (particularly the 1950s) and comparing it with nowadays. We will be thinking about areas such as games and toys, family life, clothes, school and food.

**Science:** Our work this term is all about everyday materials. We will be talking about the properties of materials and carrying out investigations. We will learn how to record our results.

**RE:** We will be learning about Christianity, with a focus on looking after each other and the world and considering how every individual is unique and special. We will also be learning about Christianity through the Christmas Story.

**Art:** The theme for Art is 'Funny Faces and Fabulous features.' Children will learn about the concept of a portrait, how portraits can be made in different ways and look as collage as a focus.

**DT:** The theme is 'Shade and Shelter' where the children will learn about the purpose of shelters and their materials. They will design and build shelters and evaluate their completed products.

In **Computing**, We will be learning about our online safety and the different uses of the internet.

**Geography:** The theme is 'Our Wonderful World.' Children will learn about the equator, hemispheres and continents. They will be looking at the countries, capital cities and settlements of the UK.

### Homework

In terms of reading, your child will visit the school library each week where they will be given a free choice and bring home one library book each. Year 1 and some of Year 2 will also have a book linked to their phonics, which we will contact you about once we have assessed your child's reading level. Most Year 2 children, will be bringing home an accelerated reader once their reading and comprehension level has been assessed. All

children will have a Reading Record book which we ask you to comment in each time you hear them read. House points will be awarded to children who return their reading record book each day with a comment inside.

## Wellies

Please can you send a **named** pair of wellies into school as there will be lots of outdoor learning throughout the year. We have racks in school for their safe storage.

## PE

All Year 1 and 2 classes will have outdoor PE on a Monday and indoor PE on a Tuesday. Year 1 and 2 children will come into school in their PE kits. **Hair must be tied back and earrings removed or protected with tape during PE sessions. I would just remind parents/carers that staff are not able to remove and replace earrings.** Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit as follows:

*Trainers or plimsolls*

*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. Skins must not be worn without white shorts over the top.*

*All items of uniform need to be clearly marked with your child's name*

## Uniform

Uniform promotes a sense of belonging and equality. We expect our children to demonstrate pride in their appearance and respect for the school uniform. Please ensure your child is in correct uniform at all times.

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*Grey tailored trousers or shorts*

*Grey skirt, pinafore dress*

*White shirt/polo shirt*

*White short-sleeved shirt/blouse*

*School bottle green round neck/V-neck sweatshirt or sweatshirt fabric cardigan*

*School tie (optional)*

*Black tights*

*Grey socks (white socks can be worn with dresses)*

*Green checked dress*

*Black shoes*

Children should be well- presented and their white shirt/polo shirt must be tucked in at all times.

Children must wear sensible black shoes to school, NOT TRAINERS or BOOTS.

Makeup and nail varnish are not permitted. Excessive hair accessories or extreme hair styles or colour are also not permitted.

*No jewellery except for one small stud earring allowed in each ear.*

*Analogue watches are encouraged but SMART watches are not allowed.*

*Many items are available from the school office. To order uniform please click on the link <https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/> or visit the uniform section on our website.*

*The Parent and Teachers' Association also runs an excellent second-hand uniform shop on site.*

## **School helpers**

We are always very grateful for any help with reading, art activities etc. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact the school office in order that a DBS check can be completed. This also applies to any grandparents who wish to get involved too.

## **Lunch boxes and snacks**

If your child has a packed lunch please make sure that you are providing a healthy lunchbox (see below for ideas). If you choose to send in a playtime snack please send only fruit and/or vegetables. Please note we have a child who has a peanut allergy so please do not send in any foods that contain nuts.

## **Book Bags, Pencil Cases and Water Bottles**

**Just a reminder that children must use a school book bag** as we do not have the space to accommodate rucksacks etc. Rucksacks are also causing the locker doors to break. Children rarely need to bring anything into school that requires larger bags and we will let you know when they are. At such times a plastic bag will suffice. Please do not send a pencil case into school as items get easily lost. We would prefer children to use a named school water bottle.

## **Inclement Weather**

Please make sure you send an appropriate coat, hat, gloves depending on the weather. Please send hats during hot weather.

Mrs Austen (Year 1 Myrtle class teacher)

Mrs Wibroe (Year 2 Bay class teacher/KS1phase leader)

# Pack your child a **HEALTHY LUNCH BOX**



Choose a variety of foods from each food group

<b>Fruit</b>	
+	
<b>Vegetables</b>	
+	
<b>Dairy</b>	
+	
<b>Wholegrains</b>	
+	
<b>Lean meat &amp; alternatives</b>	
=	<b>A Healthy Lunch Box</b>



MAKE WATER  
YOUR DRINK



PACK ICE BRICKS  
TO KEEP FOOD  
COOL



USE A THERMOS  
TO KEEP FOOD  
WARM



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