



## 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. We are very excited to meet our new classes!

### Learning Curriculum

**Maths:** In Year 1 and 2, we will begin the term learning about place value. This will involve working with numbers within 10 for Year 1 and numbers up to 100 for Year 2. We will then build on this number knowledge by moving on to working with addition and subtraction. Towards the end of the term, we will move on to geometry.

Things you can do at home: It would be amazing if you could support children if you see them reversing numbers when writing them at home.

**Literacy:** In term 1 we will be focusing on narrative texts in writing lessons. To kick start the term we will be using different fairy tales to inspire our writing and will start with 'Little Red Riding Hood' (Year 1) and an alternative version, 'Little Red Reading Hood' (Year 2). Year 1 will continue with the Little Wandle phonics programme to reinforce and extend their phonetic knowledge from Reception. 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. We have also been lucky enough to borrow some artefacts from the Maidstone Museum to support us with our learning this term that we are excited to share with the children!

**Science:** Our work this term is all about everyday materials. We will show the children that objects are made from materials. They will identify a range of everyday materials and their sources. Children will also investigate the properties of materials and begin to recognise that a material's properties define its use. They will achieve this by testing what might be the best material to use to create bunting for outside.

**RE:** We will be learning about what is meant by the term "Christian" and what Christians generally believe. We will be acknowledging and celebrating differences.

**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.

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

**Geography:** Our work in geography teaches children about physical and human features, maps, cardinal compass points, and positional and directional language. They learn about the equator, hemispheres and continents and are introduced to the countries, capital cities and settlements of the United Kingdom. The children carry out simple fieldwork to find out about local physical and human features.

## Homework

Your child will visit the school library each week where they will be given a free choice and bring home one library book each. It would be wonderful if you could spend time reading these books together; it may be the adult reading to the child.

Year 1 will also receive a book to read that is linked to their phonics. We would encourage you to read this book daily with your child to support them to read it fluently. The children will have already read these books the previous week in class so they may be confident but please continue to encourage them to read them daily to fully embed learning.

In Year 2, we continue to send books home linked to children's learning. This may be through our little Wandle scheme or using our accelerated reader books.

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

Children in Year 1 and 2 will receive a short activity/task to complete each Friday. Please return work to be shared by the following Friday. For Year 1, this can be shared in the form of a hard copy or via Tapestry.

## 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

Year 1 and 2 will have indoor PE on a Tuesday and outdoor PE on a Thursday. Please could all children come into school in their PE kits on their designated PE days.

**Hair must be tied back and earrings removed or protected with tape during PE sessions. Please note: staff are not able to remove and replace earrings.** Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit as follows:

*Trainers*

*House colour T-shirt*

*Black PE shorts*

*Green track suit bottoms or black skins underneath the shorts maybe worn for outdoor games in cold weather. Skins must not be worn without 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.

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

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

## **Snacks**

Fruit is provided for children in Year 1 and 2 but if you choose to send in a playtime snack, please send only fruit and/or vegetables. Please note that we cannot accept snacks with nuts.

## **Inclement Weather**

Our weather has been changeable recently so please ensure that children have a jacket/coat in school at all times and hat on hot days.

Thanks for all of your support and once again, we look forward to an exciting year!

Miss Armstrong, Mrs Bale, Miss Phillips and Mrs Wibroe