

Welcome to Term 1

Year 1

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to Term 1 at Borough Green Primary School.

Learning Curriculum



To support their transition from Reception classes, our Year One days will include Challenge Time, an element of child-led learning in which children can choose their own direction for play-based learning linked to the topics we will be covering. Alongside this, we will have more teacher-led sessions in the following areas, with the following content.

Maths: We will be following the strands contained within the National Curriculum for Maths for Year 1. 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, as well as 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 focuses on everyday materials. We will be discussing the properties of materials and conducting investigations. We will learn how to record our results.

RE: The first part of our year will focus on how and why we celebrate special and sacred times. The children will be considering the value of celebration in their own lives as well as learning about the significance of festivals to the Jewish way of life. Within this, they will explore the significance and meaning of Jewish rituals. They will also learn about festival celebrations within Christianity, which will be perfectly timed with Christmas! The children will be exploring the symbol of light throughout many different celebrations.

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 at 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 will also have a Little Wandle reading book. We will contact you regarding this once we have assessed your child's reading level. 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

Year 1 will have indoor PE on Wednesdays and outdoor PE on Thursdays. Year 1 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

Black 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 always tucked in.

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 children with peanut allergies, 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.

Meetings with class teachers/phase leader

There are opportunities to see your child's work and meet their teachers at our parents' evenings held in the Autumn and Spring term and at the open afternoons. We are usually available at the door at the end of the day for quick messages, but if you need to speak to a member of staff at greater length, please email the school to make an appointment.

We look forward to working with you over the coming year. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Adelaide (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



Fruit



Vegetables



Dairy



Wholegrains



**Lean meat
& alternatives**



A Healthy Lunch Box



**MAKE WATER
YOUR DRINK**



**PACK ICE BRICKS
TO KEEP FOOD
COOL**



**USE A THERMOS
TO KEEP FOOD
WARM**



Health

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