

# WELCOME TO KEY STAGE 1





The year 1 teachers are:

Mrs Rothwell(M/T/W) and Miss Morgan(Th/F)  
Miss Heywood – Full time

The year 1 / 2 teachers are:

Miss Jessop(M/T/W/F) and Mrs Worsley(Th)

Other adults your children will work with are:

Miss Butler, Mrs Gittings, Mrs Beard, Mrs Jowett-Hulme, Mr Owen who teaches ICT and the sports coaches.

# What is the same?



- Your child met their new teacher yesterday and spent time in their new classrooms
- They've already had 2 sessions getting to know KS1 and the staff
- They already share lunchtimes and playtimes and are used to going into Friday whole school assemblies.
- Lunchtime will remain 11.30-12.30 which will mean more space in the dining hall and on the playground



# What is different?

- Some mixing up of the children has been necessary due to the need for a mixed age class. The children are used to this as they do so now for phonics.
- In the morning the children will line up in their classes, on the main playground, when the bell goes at 8.55 am.
- For the first week year 1 and 1/2 teachers will be on the playground every morning.
- Any quick messages can be passed on at this time but if you need more time than please phone the office, until after school or make appointment (we like a prompt start!)
- There will be a cone to line up at, with the class name on it.
- At home time (3.15.pm) the children will be led to the same place and must wait in line until it is their turn to tell their teacher when they see their adult.
- The children will also be taught computing by our technology expert Mr Owen, alongside support from their normal class teacher.
- All our KS1 children have an assembly and singing on a Monday afternoon.



# Curriculum

- All children will work towards 'end of year expectations', following the 2014 national curriculum, irrespective of mixed age class or not
- Mixed age class will follow year 2 topics this year so they don't repeat content but will be taught to meet their end of year expectations
- At the end of the year you will receive a report explaining whether your child has met these expectations, met at greater depth or is working towards them
- There will also be two parent's evenings, in October /November and March.
- The year 1 topics that learning objectives in all subjects are taught through and linked to are: Traditional Tales, Up, Up and Away and Dinosaurs.
- Year 2 topics are: What A Wonderful World, What A Disaster, Staying Alive.
- Check the year group page on the website for more learning and information over the year
- Children will have a weekly games session led by teachers and supported by sports coaches



# Phonics

- Phonics is an important skill for developing reading. Please read every day with your child
- Children will work in ability groups on a daily basis, this is very fluid and teachers communicate regularly if a child needs to change groups
- As well as phonics remember to discuss the book, make predictions, talk about the character and events – prompts for this will be on the first homework
- Government set phonics screening checks take place in June and will be done one to one with the class teacher. Whether your child meets expectations or not is communicated in the end of year report.
- Staff handle this carefully so the children feel no pressure and numerous practise ‘tests’ take place over the year so it is familiar process



# Rewards

- In school we all follow our golden rules and have golden time on a Friday afternoon.
- The children have free choice or swap classes for activities such as painting / watching a film/board games and can bring in a (not expensive!) toy from home
- If a golden rule is broken, the child will lose 5 minutes of their golden time which they can earn back with exemplary behaviour
- If all golden time is lost your child will attend a restorative meeting instead of the fun activity with our behaviour lead staff and discuss their behaviour choices and how to improve them
- Lots of stickers!
- Awards at the end of each half term.
- Class treats linked to the topic, for example a DVD afternoon.
- Class treat chosen by the children when they fill a 'class compliment' chart

# Extra curricular activities...

- Year 1 children have the opportunity to attend after school clubs such as multi sports, dance, gymnastics and football
- In KS1 trips and visitors are organised to support the learning of the curriculum e.g. Chester Zoo
- We may also need parent volunteers to help with these trips so please let your child's teacher know if you are available. They will confirm with you if your help is required as we often have many volunteers, fortunately
- If there is a cost, then we will request a contribution from parents/carers. We can only go ahead with these trips if enough parents contribute. Therefore, it is very important that consent forms and contributions are sent in quickly via Parent Pay.





# Our expectations...

- As usual, children should arrive to school for 8:55 everyday.
- If a child is absent, then the parent/carer should inform school of the reason why on the first day of the absence.
- Homework is given out on a Wednesday and must be returned the following Monday. In line with the home school agreement, we expect homework to always be completed.
- Children should be heard read every night where possible and their reading record signed. This can be books other than their school reading books though!
- Reading books will be changed weekly (the day will be communicated in September)



- Books taken home must be cared for, if they are lost or damaged then there will be a £5.00 charge for a replacement
- Children must have their PE kits in school each week. They should wear a white t-shirt, blue or black shorts for gym or dance. For outdoor games they **MUST** wear trainers, not pumps. A tracksuit or similar is needed in autumn / winter
- Long hair must be tied back
- Children should also wear the correct school uniform with black shoes
- Earrings are not allowed
- Plastic water bottles can be brought into class, no juice please
- Please, please name **EVERYTHING** (including shoes)!

# And finally.....



We expect all our KS1 children:

- To be caring, co-operative and respectful to each other and all adults in school.
- Resilient, independent, co-operative and confident
- To work hard and do their best.
- To follow our Golden Rules.
- To be responsible for bringing in their completed homework and reading books.
- To be responsible for looking after their belongings.
- Independence is of huge importance and we will have high expectations of children in order to develop this.



# In return...

- We will work hard to ensure your child is and learns to be independent, resilient, confident and co-operative
- We will plan exciting lessons
- We will support your children with developing their own interests
- We will celebrate their achievements, big and small
- We will encourage them to try their best at all times
- We will support them in developing friendships and resolving problems independently
- We will work with you to do the very best for your children