

# WELCOME TO KEY STAGE 1





The year 1 teachers are:

Mrs Rothwell(M/Tu/W) and Miss Morgan(Th/F)

Miss Heywood – Full time

The year 1 / 2 teachers are:

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

The year 2 teachers are Mrs Keane and Miss Healy

Other adults your children will work with are:

Mrs Roberts, Mrs Gittings, Mrs Beard, Mrs Greenwood, Mrs Jowett-Hulme, Miss Redfern and the sports coaches.

# What is the same?



- Where possible your child met their new teacher and had a look in their new classrooms
- Lunchtime will remain 11.30-12.30 which will mean more space on the playground. They will remain in the 'bubbles' at all times
- Year 1 children will have daily sessions in the early years outdoor area or the wild area on our field, as well as playtimes. This will still be in their 'bubble'





# 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 have done so for phonics
- In the morning the children will walk into school, wash their hands and be greeted by their teacher in their classroom. There will be lots of staff to help and guide them to the correct place
- Any quick messages can be passed on at the end of the day but if you need more time than please phone or email the office and the class teacher will get back to you
- At home time (3.10 pm) the children will be led to the playground and must wait in line until it is their turn to tell their teacher when they see their adult
- A cone with the class teacher's name on it will indicate where they will be lined up
- The teaching of ICT will be reviewed for 2021 due to the enclosed nature of our ICT suite



# 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 1 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
- Under normal circumstances there would be two parent's evenings, the first in November. This is being reviewed and will be communicated ASAP
- 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 by sports coaches, whom they are already familiar with





# Phonics

- Phonics is an important skill for developing reading. Please read every day with your child
- Children will have work set at their attainment level, as they will with all subjects
- 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.
- If a golden rule is broken, the child will lose 5 minutes of their golden time which they can earn back with exemplary behaviour
- 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...



- Due to the current pandemic situation after school clubs and trips are not possible, if this changes we will let you know. Keep checking the school spider for updates. Hopefully the following will resume at some point in the future.
- 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 / topic workshops
- 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 9:00 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 will be uploaded to the school website on the class page every Wednesday
- 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)



- If books can be taken home they 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 work hard and do their best.
- To be caring, co-operative and respectful to each other and all adults in school.
- To try to be resilient, independent, co-operative and confident
- To follow our Golden Rules.
- To be responsible for their own 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