

Welcome to the new school year in Key Stage 1

Adults working with the classes are:

<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 1 2</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
Mrs Duffy Mrs Meeks	Miss Jones Mrs Beckett	Miss Brown Mrs Searle (M T W) Mrs Cracknell (W Th F)

Things to note in Key Stage 1:

PE

PE is taught generally on a Friday but please ensure that your child has their PE kit all week.

Please make sure your child has both indoor & outdoor kit in school at all times, including a pair of trainers suitable for outdoors PE. Also that their names are clearly labelled in all of their uniform & shoes.

Please also provide a spare pair of socks & ensure earrings have been removed on PE days.

Spellings

All children will have spellings based on Letters and Sounds and the spelling patterns they have been learning in class as well as commonly used words. These will be tested weekly on a Thursday. Alongside your child's new spellings we will give them a handwriting sheet to allow them to practise their letter formation. We will also be sending out lists of common exception words for children to learn during the holidays.

Timetables

Children in **year 2** will be tested weekly on their timetables. We will follow the Cracking Timetables scheme and children will progress through different levels. Each week we will send the test home with the child to allow them to practise at home as well as at school. Initially the children will begin by learning their 2, 5 and 10 timetable and will progress from there.

Forest School

Each term we will have a week in which each class will visit the Forest School. Before each session a letter will be sent out by your child's class teacher, so keep an eye out!

Reading

Your child will have a reading book with a Home School Organiser. There is a page for each week & space for you to write down when you have read with your child, practised spellings or have done any other work with your child including trips/visits. Some children will receive two books a week, 'Read with Me' and 'Listen to Me' this will allow for more exposure to a breath of reading when books are shorter.

Please fill in the homework diary when your child does any type of homework at home. This could be reading their home reading book, reading other texts, completing any homework task, times tables, spellings, etc.

These will be collected in on the days books will be changed. Book changing days are **Monday** and **Friday**. However, it is still important that your child has their Home School Organiser & reading book in school every day.

Please do not use the homework diary as a communication source – if you have any concerns regarding your child then please book an appointment with your class teacher. This can be done through the office or you can send a note in with your child in the morning.

Remember that when you do read with your child it is important to ensure that you are discussing what you are reading so that your child gains a clear understanding of how a book is set out & key events in the story.

Homework

The homework will be spelling, reading, maths and timetables – expectations of regular practise and reading. **Year 2** children will also receive one piece of writing or grammar homework each half term. On occasion, we may send home a parent guidance sheet which will explain the topic we have been covering in class in more detail. Alongside this we will send home their arithmetic test, this will allow you the opportunity to help your child practise skills they need to develop.

Water Bottles, Milk, snacks & lunch boxes

It is really important for your child to have these to help their concentration through the long school day. Please ensure that water bottles have your child's name clearly written on however, please don't put their bottles in their book bags as many books can get damaged that way.

Snacks are provided for children in their classrooms and milk ordered through the office. We encourage children to try different fruits & vegetables that are on offer. However, if you would prefer to provide a snack from home then acceptable snacks include fruits or vegetables. Children should not be bringing biscuits, crisps or sweets into school for playtime breaks.

We ask that lunches that are supplied from home follow our rules in school about some of the contents. For example, due to children in school with severe nut allergies, we ask that no nuts or nut products be placed in children's lunches. In addition we ask that chocolate bars are not included either.

Overview of Topics

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Science	Materials	Plants	Habitats
Computing	Visual Information	Discovering Devices	Getting Creative
History	Local History - Hertford Castle	The Life of Beatrix Potter	Seaside Holidays in the Past
Geography	Castles: exploring the features of a castle.	Mapping	Features of the Coast
Art	Landscapes - Van Gogh and Monet	Patterns in Nature Goldsworthy	Seaside Art
DandT	Joining Materials	Cooking – Veggie Quiches	Materials – Making Puppets
Music	Making Musical Instruments	Class Ocarina African Drumming	Graphical Scores Sea Shanties
Physical Education	Games – Bat and Ball World Dance	Gymnastics – Balance Games – Attack and Defend	Swimming Athletics
PSHE	Being Me in My World and Celebrating Differences	Dreams and Goals Healthy Me	Relationships Changing Me
Religious Education	What did Jesus teach? Jesus is a gift from God.	Passover Easter Resurrection	The Covenant Rites of Passage and Good Works.

***If you have a particular interest or strength in any of these topic areas please do let your class teacher know as we always welcome any volunteers who are DBS checked.

Years 1 & 2



2019/2020

Miss Brown

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Miss Jones