



WILLIAM BARNES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

6.9.21

Welcome to Year 1

We hope you are all keeping safe and well and had a restful and enjoyable summer break. I would like to reassure you that as a school team we are doing all that we can to ensure that the children continue to feel safe, happy, and ready for learning.

Year 1 is taught by Mrs. Haselgrove and the class will be supported in their learning by Mrs. Bealing and Ms. Wickes. Miss Maynard will be covering Mrs. Haselgrove's ppa time on a Wednesday afternoon.

We are delighted to be able to invite parents and carers back into the classroom. I will be holding a meet the teacher session in the Year 1 classroom next Tuesday at 3:15 and a virtual session via Teams if you are not able to come at 4:00. If neither of these times are convenient, please let me know.

If you have any concerns, worries or questions then please contact me at Year1@williambarnes.dorset.sch.uk, I will be checking emails regularly.

Encouraging Independence

In Year 1 the children are encouraged to take responsibility for their own possessions. This includes making sure their book bag with reading book and Reading Journal is in school **every day**.

Named PE kits should be in school and will remain at school until half-term, we will be doing PE on Monday and Thursday each week.

Please make it easier for your child to look after their belongings by naming everything clearly.

Homework

Your child will benefit from any help that you can give them with their learning at home. Your child will also enjoy talking about and sharing with you the things that they are learning in class.

Reading

All children are **expected to read 5 times every week**, with adults at home recording on the reading journal sheet. Please use the question prompts in the reading journal to help develop your child's comprehension skills. Please ensure your child brings their bookbag and reading book to school daily. Every child will be given a new book on **Monday** and **Thursday**, reading journals are checked weekly and a new sheet will be put in the journal every Thursday. There will be more information about Reading in your child's bookbag this week.

Phonics

This is an important part of their learning in Year 1 and involves both reading and writing. All children in year 1 will take part in the Phonics Screening Check which takes place during the week beginning 6th June 2022.

We would love you to come and join your child and support their phonics learning on a Thursday morning starting next week. Our lessons will start at 9:00 and run for approximately 30 minutes.

I will be holding a phonics workshop this term so that you can find out how we teach phonics using the Floppy's Phonics scheme and how you can support your child's learning at home, more information to follow.

Once the children have completed a period of phonics revision and been assessed they will bring home a sheet every Friday so you can see what they have been learning that week and help them practice at home.

Hometalk SchoolWrite

HTSW will continue as a monthly activity and is a wonderful opportunity for you to support your child and share in their learning. If you are ever unsure about this task, please do not hesitate to contact me at Year1@williambarnes.dorset.sch.uk. Please note that the piece of writing that they will bring home will be unmarked as it will have only been produced that morning.

Mathletics

This half-term your child will be given login details to enable them to use the 'Mathletics' programme on their home computer/tablet etc. This is a good opportunity to support them with the Maths that they are learning in class. We are looking forward to giving out lots of certificates this year!

Other expectations/information

All children are encouraged to bring a water bottle into the classroom. Squash is not permitted in the class but is allowed in their lunchbox. Please help us by adhering to this rule.

The children will take it in turns to be 'Special Helper' this follows register order and when it is their turn they will be at the front of the line, do jobs within the classroom and do their Show & Tell.

Show & Tell

When they are special helper, your child can bring in something from home that is special to them. It may be a small toy, favourite book, or something they have made, drawn, or written that they are proud of. It might also be a special item like a stone, shell photograph or leaflet about somewhere they have visited. We do Show and Tell to help develop the children's confidence in speaking to an audience and speaking in full sentences. Please do not send in any large toys, any electronic devices, or valuable items.

Curriculum

The accompanying topic map will show you what the children will be learning about this term and as you can see the children have an interesting and busy term in front of them! If anyone can help us with our Walk around Stur on Friday 17th September, then please let me know.

We look forward to working with you and your children

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at Year1@williambarnes.dorset.sch.uk.

Kind Regards
The Year 1 Team

Mrs. Haselgrove	Class Teacher
Mrs. Bealing	Teaching Assistant
Ms. Wickes	Teaching Assistant
Miss Maynard	PPA teacher