



WILLIAM BARNES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to Year One!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to year 1! The year 1 class will be taught by Mr Newman and the class is supported by teaching assistants Mrs Bealing, Miss Wicks and Mrs Baker, Thursday mornings will be taught by Miss Maynard. The first few days back at school have been successful and I am glad to say all of the children (and staff!) have settled in well and looking forward to a fantastic year of learning.

Daily Requirements

Please could you ensure that your child is wearing school uniform each day and that their clothing is labelled/named. If a child misplaces their property it will be returned to them, thanks to it being named! Staff will label jumpers if they are unnamed.

Water bottles! Your child should bring a named water bottle to school **each day**. Squash is not permitted in classrooms but is allowed during lunchtime.

PE in year 1 will take place on Monday and Tuesdays but due to weather could change. Ideally, your child's PE kit should remain in school in a named bag. This will then be sent home at the end of each half term.

Reading

All children in key stage 1 are expected to read **5 times per week** aloud to an adult and recorded in their green reading journals. Every child will be given a new book on Mondays and Thursdays if they have read it at home. When reading with your child, please help develop their comprehension skills using the prompt sheets found in the reading journal.

Phonics is an important skill learnt in year 1 supporting both reading and writing. All children in year 1 will take part in the Phonics Screening Check which takes place during the week beginning Monday 10th June. To support your child's phonic learning they will be given a home learning worksheet on a Thursday so you can see what they have been learning and help them practice at home.

Open phonics sessions - Every Monday morning (9:00 - 9:30am) parents and carers are invited to join us to support their child's phonics learning. Please can I ask that younger siblings do not attend these sessions to help the class concentrate on their learning. This will begin on Monday 2nd October.

Home Talk - School Write

HTSW will continue on a half termly basis and is another way for your child to share their learning. A letter will be sent home explaining an upcoming writing activity. This activity should be discussed at home before writing at school. An unmarked copy of your child's writing will be sent home after completion.

Curriculum

Long term planning can be found on the year 1 page on the school website. I have attached a copy of this half term's Topic Web that outlines what your child will be learning about this term.

Meet the Teacher

It's been great to chat to a few parents/carers on the playground before and after school this week. On Tuesday 12th September, I will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' meeting at 3:20pm. During this time, I will run through the routines and expectations in year 1 and there will be plenty of time for you to ask questions! Hopefully, I will see many of you attend this.

All of the year 1 team look forward to working with your children this year. Please do not hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind Regards,
The year 1 team

Mr Newman - Class Teacher
Mrs Bealing - Teaching Assistant
Miss Wicks - Teaching Assistant
Mrs Baker - Teaching Assistant
Miss Maynard - PPA Teacher (Thursday morning)