



Burford School & Nursery

'Enjoy, Achieve, Succeed Together'

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to Year 1

We really enjoyed meeting our new classes and are looking forward to welcoming your children into Year 1 in September! Please find photos and contact details of your child's class teacher and TA.

Oak Class



Ms Fowler Marsh
Mondy-Thursday



Mrs Hyatt
Friday

Teaching assistant: Miss Wilkes

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Pine Class



Miss Doherty
Tuesday-Friday



Mrs Morrison
Monday

Teaching assistant: Miss Gabb

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We would like to invite you to our curriculum objective meeting on Tuesday 15th September. This will be held in Oak Class in the afternoon. Exact time to be confirmed. If you would like to find out further information about the curriculum in Year 1, please check the school website and look at the Curriculum Map.

Equipment

Bags brought in only need to contain the following items:

- a reading book and reading journal
- a water bottle
- a waterproof coat (if appropriate for the season)

Uniform

All children are expected to wear Burford school uniform. A copy of the uniform policy and requirements can be found on the website. We will encourage each child to be responsible for their own uniform, but please help us and them by ensuring that all items are clearly labelled.



P.E.

On PE days, which will be confirmed in September, children should wear their school uniform and will get changed into their Burford PE kit and tracksuits at school. Their PE kits can stay in school until the end of the half term. All hair should be tied back and earrings should be covered if not removed.



Independence

In the morning, we would like the children to come into the cloakroom independently and hang up their coats before entering the classroom. Please make sure all lunch boxes are clearly labelled with your child's name and class and these, along with water bottles will come home daily.

Items from home

Fidget tools should only be brought in by the children who have been approved to use them in class by their class teacher or Mrs Hyatt (SENDCo), to meet need. Children should not be bringing in toys, teddy bears or other items like personal diaries or felt-tip pen kits or similar.

Home Reading

Your child will be given a Reading Record and 1 Reading Book. We know that all of your child's learning will not only benefit from the reading they do at school but through daily home reading too. This may be just a few pages. Make sure you encourage them to sound out, blend and read unfamiliar words. It will also really help your child to develop a greater understanding of reading by asking questions such as: what has happened in the story so far? What do you think will happen next? How is the character feeling? What did the character do....?

We will change books 3 times a week – Monday, Wednesday and Friday.



We will start forest school in the Autumn term and we will be sending out more details in September.



There will be no homework for the first few weeks while we settle the children back into school and teach them the new classroom routines. They will then receive phonics homework once a week along with 5 spellings on a Monday, which will need to be returned the following Monday. We will also set maths homework on Numbots and confirm in September when this will start.

Helping hands

If you would like to support Year 1 this year with reading, please let us know. We benefit greatly from having parent readers. Forest School volunteers will be arranged through your class reps.

Summer holidays

Over the summer feel free to use your local library, share books with your child and practice counting objects up to 20. If you spend a lovely day out together you could encourage your child to draw a picture and/or write a sentence about it.

We really hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to meeting you all again in September.

Kind regards,

Year 1 team.