



## **Welcome to Year 1**



**15H St Jude's Class**  
**Class Teacher: Miss Hartland**



**1EH St Bernadette's Class**  
**Class Teacher: Mrs Hodges**

### **Main objectives for your children for this year:**

- ⇒ Begin to work independently and develop the skills of personal organisation.
- ⇒ Developing high expectations for their own behaviour and always doing their very best.
- ⇒ Developing academic skills, including letter formations, sentence building, grammar, number formations and working with numbers up to 100.

### **The school day**

In the mornings we run a soft start for the children, 8.40am-8.55am. The children will enter the school building via the KS1 playground. If your child needs to be left earlier, we run a breakfast club. Please contact the school office for details. The children need to be in their classroom promptly to ensure they are marked as present in the register.

In the afternoon, your children will be dismissed at 3:10pm. We will not dismiss your child until we see you, or someone you have authorised to collect your child. Please notify us if anyone other than you is collecting your child. If you are running late, children should be collected from the school office.

### **Maths and English**

Children in Year 1 have Maths and English every morning. Maths and English is taught in a whole-class environment, where pupils' differing needs are catered for through differentiated activities and effective questioning from the class teacher. Lessons will focus on the pupils' fluency in maths

(rapid and accurate recall of number as well as providing them with the opportunity to build a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts by developing their skills in reasoning and problem-solving).

### **Phonics**

Phonic development is a key stage of your child's learning. Phonics provides children with the means of developing their reading and writing. In June 2022, the children will complete a Government assessment of their early reading skills; more information will be provided throughout the year including a parent workshop.

### **Reading**

We request that reading scheme books and reading diaries are brought into school every day. Please do encourage your children to read regularly and note this in their reading record. We do enjoy reading the comments from parents about their children's reading. Reading diaries will be checked on a weekly basis to ensure that all children, regardless of reading ability, are reading regularly. All children will also have the opportunity to choose books from the library with the support of the class LSA once per week, on an allocated day.

### **Homework**

Schools across the nation have been reviewing their homework policies, and evaluating the impact homework has on pupil progress. The national research proves that homework does not have an impact on academic progress at primary school level and that schools should be focussing their time on providing first class teaching and learning during the school day. The research also comments that pupils between the ages of 5 - 11 could be using home time to practise social skills and take part in extracurricular activities. School homework can provide opportunities for the children to practise key skills and consolidate their learning.

Homework booklets are given to every child to bring home each half term, these booklets give details of:

- Weekly spelling words, children are encouraged to practice the weekly word lists at home, finding ways to use these in their writing at school and home. These word lists will be used in weekly spellings tests.
- A Brain Builder project will also be set for children to complete during each half term. Children are encouraged to share these projects with classmates on completion.
- Reminders and links to online learning resources

For further details about our homework procedures, please look at the homework policy which is available on the school website.

### **Water Bottles:**

It is very important that the children drink regularly during the day. Please provide your child with a named clear sport's style water bottle (no screw caps) containing **only water**. We have drinking water facilities in every classroom to allow your child to refill their bottles.

### **PE Kits:**

The children in Year 1 have PE once a week with a sports coach and once a week with a teacher. PE kit can be worn to school on the allocated day. (See table below) The PE kit includes a sensible pair of trainers/plimsolls. If your child is in school, they will be expected to participate in games lessons unless a suitable reason is provided by parents. Correct PE **must** be worn: this is black shorts, white T-shirt, Black tracksuit top and bottoms.

### **Uniform**

Make sure everything is named, we prefer no earrings, but if they are worn, they should be silver or gold studs. Children are not allowed to wear earrings for PE, so they must be able to remove them without any adult help. Please note that necklaces and bracelets are not permitted due to health and safety of children. Hair accessories should be simple and in school colours and long hair **must** be tied up. During hot weather, please provide your child with a sun hat. If possible, the uniform should be changed daily. For correct uniform, please see the uniform policy on the school website.

### **Key information:**

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Reading books changed</b> |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>PE with teacher</b>       |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>PE with sports coach</b>  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Library books changed</b> |

### **What your children will be learning:**

|                                  | <b>Topic work</b>   | <b>Science</b>                      | <b>RE</b>  |
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| <b>Advent Term<br/>Autumn</b>    | Changes in living memory,<br>How has the computer<br>changed our lives? | Who am I?<br>Celebrations.          | Families<br>Belonging<br>Waiting                   |
| <b>Lenten Term<br/>Spring</b>    | Mary Seacole<br>Arctic places   | Polar regions<br>Plants and animals | Special people<br>Meals<br>Change                  |
| <b>Pentecost<br/>Term Summer</b> | Maps<br>The seasons   | Insect safari<br>Holiday            | Holydays and Holidays<br>Being Sorry<br>Neighbours |

### **Contacting us**

- Send a note in with your child
- Give the office a call and we will aim to get back to you as soon as possible, but please bear in mind we are in class most of the day, so it will be either at lunchtime or after the school day.
- Send an email to [year1@olopprimary.co.uk](mailto:year1@olopprimary.co.uk)
- Please give us a few dates/times when it is convenient to call and we will arrange a time with you as soon as possible.