



Welcome to Year 1 - September 2022

Welcome back to school and welcome to Year 1.

Throughout the year we will be teaching the children using a play-based approach. The children will be set challenges to complete independently during COOL time (Choose Our Own Learning) and will also be doing a variety of whole class and small group work.

OUR LEARNING THIS TERM

Science - Our first unit is focussed on ourselves and other animals

DT – We will be using the book Handa’s Surprise to lead into our DT unit where we will be making smoothies.

Geography – We will be exploring our local area to better understand the world around us this term in Geography.

English - This term we will be looking at remembering to use full stops, capital letters, finger spaces and our phonics to help with our spelling when writing sentences.

Maths –We will be working on place value this term focussing on numbers within 10. Children will be sorting, counting and recognising number throughout the term.

Phonics – We will be recapping sounds learnt in reception at the beginning of term and will then move on to learning new sounds at the end of the term. Children will be having one piece of home learning a week for phonics.

READING BOOKS

- Please continue to support your children with their reading books every day and record your comments in the yellow reading record book.
- Books should be signed and brought into school **every day**.
- You will need to write the name of the book your child is reading and the date in their reading record.
- Children will be reading their decodable book all week to allow them to build their fluency. Once they are reading the book fluently children should be encouraged to read the book with expression and develop their comprehension using the questions at the back of the book.
- Please see information in the front of your child’s reading record for guidance on each session or watch Miss Allsopp’s video explaining in more detail on our website.
<https://www.warden-house.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+1+Reading+2022%2D2023&pid=247&action=saved>
- If you have any questions about reading, please come to speak to one of us.



PE DAYS

Our PE days this term are MONDAY and FRIDAY. We will be doing Infant Agility and Football this term. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed at home before school on PE days. Your child needs a Warden House team T-Shirt, navy/black shorts and trainers. When it gets colder your child will also need navy or black tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt.

UNIFORM

Please make sure all uniform is named.

Your child should not be bringing in any items from home (except reading books, lunch boxes and water bottles). Please do contact the office if you have a message for the class teacher and the office will pass this on.

MILK, FRUIT AND WATER

After children turn five, milk is no longer free in school unless they are entitled to free school meals. Milk usually costs around £15 a term, supplied by Cool Milk. Please follow this link to register your child for milk if they do not receive it free of charge.

<https://customers.coolmilk.com/v2/register/>

Children receive a piece of free fruit at morning break but may also bring their own snack of fruit if they wish.

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day.

START OF THE DAY

Polite reminder that the classroom doors open **at 8.40am** and close **by 8.45am**. If your child arrives after 8.45, they will have to go through the office and will be marked as late.

We look forward to our irresistible learning journey this year!

Thank you for your support.

Miss B Glanville
(Bears Class Teacher)

Miss J Woods
(Otters Class Teacher)