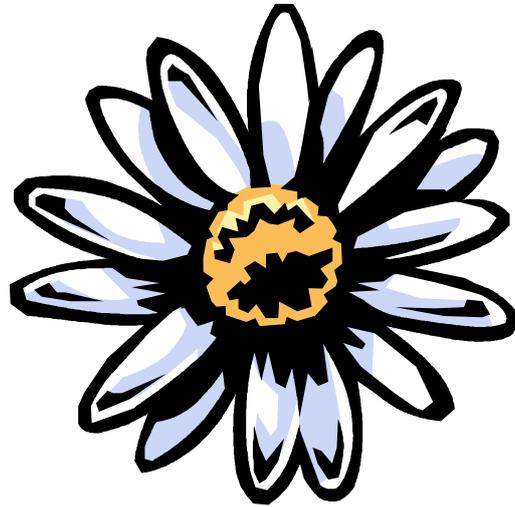


Yorke Mead Primary School



Welcome
to
Year 1

My Day at School

When I come into the classroom, I will organise myself. Each morning I will take out of my book bag my reading record and reading book, any letters for my teacher and any homework I need to hand in.

We will begin the day with busy fingers or a reading activity and then will usually do our English work, phonics and maths in the morning, and our topic work including art, history, music, geography etc. activities in the afternoon. We do try to link our work together so that our English and maths work is also part of our topic work.

We have a playtime in the morning and during the afternoon. This helps us towards the daily recommended one hour a day exercise all children should have. We also take part in the daily mile each day. We all run for ten minutes together at a pace that suits us then add up how many miles we have run as a class.

At the end of the day I will put my reading book and any letters back into my book bag so please remember to check it each night.

At the end of the day we will repeat the first activity of the day so as those children on the later arrival and leaving time don't miss out.

What will I learn?

This year we will do the following topics:

	1 st Half	2 nd Half
AUTUMN	Ourselves	Toys
SPRING	India	The Jungle
SUMMER	Superheroes	Minibeasts

Home Learning

In a few weeks I will begin to bring home my home learning book. I will have a short home learning activity which I will bring home on Friday and will need to hand in by Wednesday. Each week we will have spellings to learn and a piece of English, Maths or Phonics.

Reading

I will read to an adult in school regularly, but this will often not be my home reading book. My reading book will be checked, and my book changed on a **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. Books will only be changed if they have been read at home and this has been recorded in the yellow diary. It is important that my reading record is always signed with a comment to help my teacher know how I am getting on with the book. As I go through Year 1 my books will get longer and I may just read a few pages and talk about these each day but please still record in the diary how much has been read.

On a Monday my teaching assistant will put a stamp in my book if I have had my book signed at least 4 times the previous week. Once I have 10 stamps I will receive my bronze reading award, 20 stamps the silver reading award and 30 the gold reading award.

Due to Covid-19 we will be quarantining books for 72 hours between them being returned to school and being placed back on the shelves.

Library Books

We will have library time each week on a Tuesday. I will choose a library book and bring this home. I need to bring my book back to school the following week so that I can choose a new one. All books will be quarantined for 72 hours before being returned to the shelves.



Who works in my classroom?

Year 1 Elder

Mrs Bates Teacher Monday - Wednesday

Mrs Barnes Teacher Wednesday - Friday

Mrs Ronanova Teaching Assistant

Year 1 Silver Birch

Mrs Kalyan Teacher

Mrs Bentley Teaching Assistant

Things to bring to school

Book bag

I need my book bag and reading book **every day**.

To keep our reading books in good condition please **DO NOT** put water bottles into my book bag.



PE Kit



I need a pair of black shorts, trainers and a red t-shirt for PE. As the weather gets colder I will also need an old pair of dark tracksuit bottoms, trainers and a sweatshirt as we will do outdoor PE. My PE kit should stay in school and just be brought home at the end of each week to be washed. This is happening more frequently this year due to Covid – 19.

A Bottle of Water

Sipping water throughout the day helps to keep my brain active. I need to bring a named bottle of water to school each day. I will bring my water bottle home each night so that it can be washed and refilled ready for the next day. I am only allowed to have water in my bottle.



Snack



It can be a long time from breakfast until lunch for a little tummy. Please can I bring a healthy snack to eat during breaktime. If my snack is in a container, please make sure it is named. No chocolate, nuts or crisps.

Coats and Hats

With the weather in Britain I will always need to have a coat or jacket in school in case it turns cold or rainy, and if we have a warm spell please can I bring a sunhat for outdoor activities.



Wellingtons

At some point through the year my class will be taking part in forest school and I will need to bring in wellingtons and a warm jumper. My teacher will send a letter out prior to starting forest school with more information.

Hand sanitiser

Please give send me with a mini bottle of hand sanitiser to keep in school.

Pencil Case

This year I need to be provided with a clear pencil case which will be kept in school.

Please ensure that all equipment and clothing that is sent into school is labelled.

Getting in touch

Due to Covid-19 we appreciate it has become more difficult to speak face to face so if you need to speak to a member of staff please email admin@yorkemead.herts.sch.uk – stating who you need to speak to and a brief explanation of why(if possible) and the relevant member of staff will get in touch as soon as possible.

Twitter

Twitter is a great way you can keep up to date with what your child is learning. Please follow us on @1yorkemead.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

