

Year 1 Introduction

2020 has been a challenging year for all of us. However your children have all been fantastic and are settling already into the new term.

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OUR TEAM

Teachers:

Miss Lee, Mrs White & Mrs Borley

LSAs:

Mrs Smith, Mrs Newland & Mrs Cooper

1:1 LSAs:

Miss Suet, Mrs Goodey, Mrs Johnson & Miss Hallett

PPA Cover:

Mrs Kirchel

TOPICS

This year our topics will be...

Autumn: Magical Kingdoms

Spring: Paws and Claws

Summer: Super Heroes

THE SCHOOL DAY

In Year 1 there is a more structured timetable covering the core subjects (English, Maths and Science) and foundation subjects (History, Geography, PSHE, RE, Computing, Art & Design, DT, Music and PE)

A typical day would be...

- Register
- Phonics
- English
- Snack & Playtime (snack is provided by Government)
- Maths
- Lunchtime
- Register
- Guided Reading
- Topic

PE

- Our PE day is **Friday**
- Children are required to come to school in their PE kit and wear their coloured House T-Shirt. We will be doing PE outside as much as possible therefore children should also have a dark pair of jogging bottoms and hoodie depending on weather.
- Children are allowed to wear trainers (Velcro) on PE day.
- **No earrings on PE days** – Please ensure that all earrings are taken out during P.E days. Essex County Council guidelines state 'school children are no longer allowed to tape up their ears to cover earrings for PE or other sporting activities. This is due to injuries received by several pupils across Essex. Therefore children will need to be able to independently remove their earrings or they will be unable to take part'
- All long hair should also be tied up. No novelty hairbands.

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

- Please ensure all items are named.
- Please remember coats/jackets- we do go out to play even if it is raining!
- Black shoes - no trainers except on PE day
- No nail varnish
- Water bottle every day please - no juice or flavoured water
- Children in KS1 should not be bringing in their own sanitiser

ASSESSMENT

- Children are assessed in reading by Colour Band – at least half termly but it is ongoing.
- Books will be changed weekly (to begin with) but children should have their books and reading diaries in their book bag everyday.
- Termly Assessments in Maths, English and Reading
- Children are assessed (set by the Government) as
 - Working Towards the Expected Standard
 - Working at the Expected Standard
 - Working at Greater Depth within the Expected Standard

HOMEWORK

- Ideally your child should be reading everyday
- We have recently signed up to an online homework platform that will cover Maths and English skills. More details to follow.

BEHAVIOUR

- **Rewards** – Children are rewarded using house points, texts, postcards, Star of the Day and Star of the Week
- **Sanctions** – We have traffic light warning charts in classrooms which may result in children missing some of their playtime or lunchtime.
- **Detentions*** – Certain circumstances may result in a lunchtime detention. Should a child be in detention 3 times in a half term, a meeting will be arranged with the parents, and class teacher. If detentions continue then further meetings will involve Key Stage Leader, Deputy and Head teacher.

* Appropriate social distance measures will be in place for any meetings (subject to change)

COMMUNICATION

- Under current circumstances, if you need to speak to the class teacher please call the school office on 01268 571018, use the school text system or send an email to the school office admin@abacus.essex.sch.uk Our office team will pass on any messages and staff will return calls if necessary.
- The Weekly Newsletter will also be available on classroom doors & on our website.

