



Year 1 Meet the Teachers

# The Year 1 Team



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# Golden Rules

Across our school, we follow our Golden Rules, which are...

- ▶ We are honest.
- ▶ We are proud.
- ▶ We are respectful.
- ▶ We are kind.
- ▶ We are helpful.

## Praise and Reward

- 'Thank you' and recognition
- Smartcard stickers
- Special reward stickers
- Marvellous Me messages
- 'You make me Proud'
- 'Star of the Week'
- Responsibilities in class
- Headteacher Awards

# Behaviour

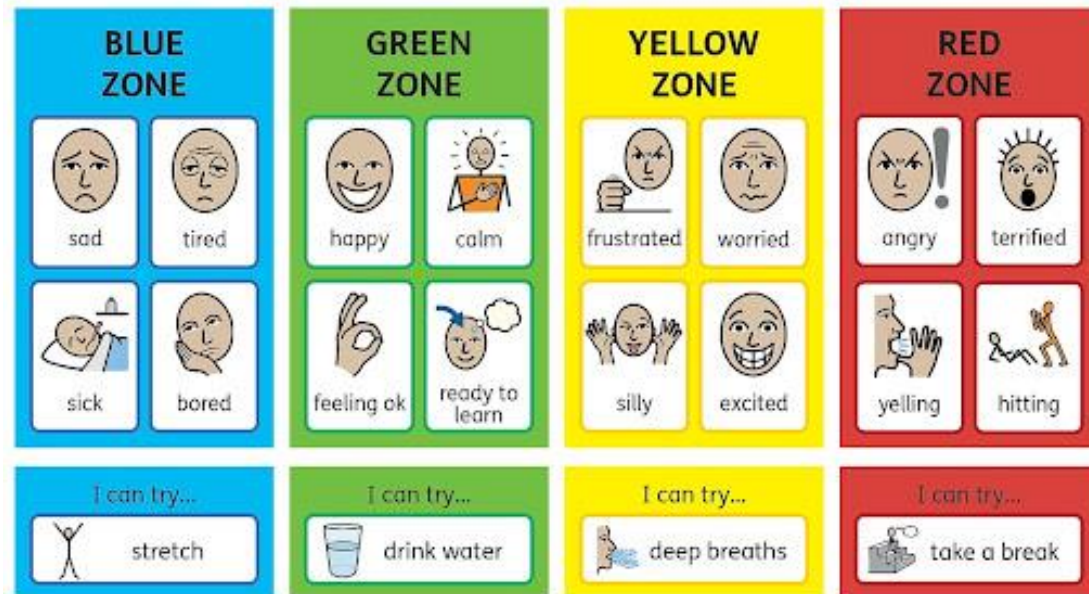


We have a curriculum for behaviour (just like we have one for Maths or PE). We teach and praise pro-social behaviours, such as being kind, sitting nicely, working hard, walking sensibly, following instructions and respecting property.

This forms part of everyday life at school and includes modelling of behaviour, PSHE lessons, circle times, role play and workshops and an engaging and challenging curriculum.

We recognise that children may demonstrate unsocial behaviours. We aim to build strong, trusting relationships with children and work with them to reflect on their behaviour choices to ensure they are ready to continue learning.

# Zones of Regulation



- ▶ We acknowledge that children's feelings and emotions may affect their ability to learn.
- ▶ Children move their names to show how they are feeling at points throughout the day. They have a monster which they put on the colour that best shows how they feel.
- ▶ We teach the children to name their feelings and provide them with strategies to support each feeling.
- ▶ We have 'check in', 'check-up' and 'check out' sessions each week where we discuss our feelings.

# Curriculum

- ▶ Our English lessons will have a text type focus, e.g. writing stories, writing instructions or writing a non-fiction piece. These lessons often be linked to a key book or text. We use HfL Plans as the basis of our planning.
- ▶ Maths lessons will follow Herts Essential Maths plans. Your children will be used to the language and resources used in these lessons as they have been following Essential Maths since Reception.
- ▶ Science lessons will be based on topics linked to the curriculum strands. For example, Animals including humans or plants. These will change every half term.
- ▶ History and Geography lessons will be taught based around a topic. We will alternate whether we teach a Geography or History topic every half term.
- ▶ Your child will have 2 PE lessons a week (days to be shared later in the presentation).
- ▶ Art and D&T lessons will alternate every half term.
- ▶ Computing, PSHE, P4C, Music will take place weekly.

# Assessment

- ▶ Children in Year 1 will be assessed by their teachers throughout the year. We will discuss their progress at parent consultation meetings and report their attainment to you at the end of the year.
- ▶ In June, year 1 children take part in the phonics screening check. They are asked to read 40 real and fake words and it checks their ability to sound out and blend.
- ▶ If your child did not reach the age related expectations in Reception, they will receive additional support to help them in Year 1. This support will look different for each child.

# Reading and Phonics

- ▶ Reading books will be sent home on Fridays and collected back in on Wednesdays.
- ▶ It is really important that you read with your child every day and question them about the book in order to check their understanding of what they have read.
- ▶ If you could make any additional notes about their reading in their reading records, this would be extremely helpful. For example, not just writing that they have read, but if they struggled to read any particular words, if they enjoyed the book or if they could answer questions about what they have read.
- ▶ In school, children read three times a week as part of group guided reading sessions. Each week we will pick a star reader from the group, it will be someone who has shown fantastic effort and enthusiasm in their reading.
- ▶ Year 1 children will visit the school library every Wednesday. Please ensure children have their library books on this day.
- ▶ Phonics will be taught daily. We will be using Little Wandle Phonics Scheme.
- ▶ In Year 1, the curriculum includes knowing different word types, like nouns, adjectives and adverbs; different types of punctuation such as exclamation and question marks and the spelling of common words. The teaching of spelling and grammar (SPaG) will be included as part of all lessons. Within phonics lessons, children will practise spelling common exception words and words which include the focus phonics sounds.



# PE

- ▶ Year 1 will have 2 PE lessons a week.
- ▶ **Blue class** PE lessons will take place on a **Monday and Wednesday**.
- ▶ **Purple class** PE lessons will take place on a **Monday and Thursday**.
- ▶ Children should come to school in their school PE kit with a red school jumper/cardigan/fleece on those days ensuring they are wearing trainers. If your child comes to school without a plain white top or red jumper/cardigan/fleece, they will be asked to change into spare kit.
- ▶ Please cover or remove your child's earrings on these days and ensure that long hair is tied back.

# Marvellous Me

- ▶ Please ensure you are signed up to Marvellous Me. Class teachers use this as their main general way to communicate with you.
- ▶ On the app, you can expect to receive updates about the learning your children have been doing, key achievements your child has made and important notices or reminders.
- ▶ If you interact with the teacher's message by 'high fiving' we are able to show your child that you have seen the message we have sent.
- ▶ If you need help signing up or have forgotten your login details please speak to the class teacher or contact the school office.



# Show and Tell

- ▶ Show and tell is continuing in Year 1. You will receive a new list each half term.
- ▶ We will ask for your child to bring in their Show and Tell on a Monday and they will have an opportunity to show this during that week. Where possible please try not to bring in toys but something linking to our topic that your child is happy to talk about. Please leave a little note with it so we can support them if they feel shy.

# General Reminders

- ▶ Please bring fresh water each day for your child in a named bottle.
- ▶ Please name/label ALL of your child's belongings.
- ▶ We will be using our outdoor spaces in all weather, so please ensure you send your child in with a coat when needed.
- ▶ If someone else is collecting your child, please let the class teacher, or office know. They must be over 18. If there is going to be someone regularly collecting please just let us know and we can make a note.
- ▶ Please make sure you check your child's book bag each day for letters, accident slips or other communication.
- ▶ Each week we will chose a child for Star of the Week to recognise a child who has been working really hard, been a kind friend and followed our golden rules.
- ▶ Within the class, children are asked to take on particular responsibilities, such as register monitor, line leader or snack monitor.

# Key Dates for your Diary

- ▶ 7<sup>th</sup> October - School Photos
- ▶ 8<sup>th</sup> October 2:30pm or 6pm information about maths and phonics at our school.
- ▶ 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Parents evening
- ▶ 25<sup>th</sup> October - 9:15am Blue Class Harvest Assembly 2:45pm- Purple Class Harvest Assembly
- ▶ 6<sup>th</sup> November - School Disco 3:15-4:15pm
- ▶ 15<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need- Non uniform Day
- ▶ 19<sup>th</sup> November - Come and see phonics 8:45am
- ▶ 6<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fair 2:30-4pm
- ▶ 9<sup>th</sup> December (am) - Year 1 singing at Leavesden Hub
- ▶ 19<sup>th</sup> December 6pm - Leavesden Community Hub Christmas Carol Concert
- ▶ 11<sup>th</sup> December - Year 1 Christmas Show 2:45pm
- ▶ 21<sup>st</sup> January - Maths open classroom 2:45pm
- ▶ 28<sup>th</sup> February- Purple Class Assembly 2:45 pm
- ▶ 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March- Parents evening
- ▶ 7<sup>th</sup> March - Blue Class Assembly
- ▶ 12<sup>th</sup> March - Science open classroom 2:45pm
- ▶ 28<sup>th</sup> April- Class photos
- ▶ 9<sup>th</sup> May - Art open gallery 2pm
- ▶ WC 9<sup>th</sup> June - Phonics screening test week
- ▶ 20<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day
- ▶ 16<sup>th</sup> July - Summer School Disco 3:15- 4:15 pm

Correct at time of  
presentation.

# Any Questions?

Please feel free to speak to us if you have any questions.

If you would like to speak to the class teacher on a one to one basis please call the office, who will be able to arrange a phone call for you or catch us at the end of the day when all children have gone home.

Please could we politely ask you that comments are not made on social media and that you speak with us directly if there are any queries or issues.

We look forward to working with you this year.