



Welcome to Year 1!



We hope you have all had a lovely, restful summer and we look forward to starting your learning journey with you on Monday 6th September, 2021!

Below is some key information:

- **Arrival:** children will leave your care at the main playground gate between 8:50am and 9:00am. On **dismissal** at 3:15pm, parents and/or carers please make your way onto the main playground and walk across towards the large cable reel where you will see two doors close by to each other where you will collect your child. Mrs. Fitter and Mrs. Hunter will be on the door. We ask that you line up one behind the other to make the dismissal procedure more effective.
- Remember to bring back your "**ME BAG**" on Monday with 3 items that tell us about you! For example, a favourite toy, a photograph of a pet or some artwork you have done.
- **Forest School:** children will be attending on Thursdays for Terms 1 and 2 at The Paddock, Bluebell Hill. Wagtail Class will attend in the mornings and Kingfisher Class will attend in the afternoons. Wagtail Class please come dressed in a long sleeve top and trousers, wellies and a coat and bring your school uniform in a labelled bag. Kingfisher Class please pack your Forest School clothing in a labelled bag to change into after lunch.
- Please **label all uniform** items clearly so items can be returned if lost or after changing in PE lessons.
- **Physical Education:** your child will take part in weekly P.E. lessons, both indoors and out. Kingfisher Class will have P.E. on Tuesdays and Wagtail Class on Fridays, Please ensure no jewelry is worn for safety purposes, long hair is tied back and that your child has a P.E. bag in school, with all items labelled clearly (t-shirt, shorts, plimsoles). P.E. bags will be kept in school and sent home at half terms to be washed.
- You will need to bring with you the following **items each day, labelled with your child's name:**

Water bottle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lunch Box (if you have a packed lunch) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fruit Snack <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Coat & School Cap (weather dependent) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Book Bag <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enjoyment Book returned when you wish to exchange it <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Named pair of wellies to be left at school <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Change of uniform if your child is prone to accidents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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- **Curriculum:** Our first theme is "My World, My Future" where we will learn about our local village of Wouldham and how it compares to a city, like Rochester. We will also learn about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom. In Geography, we will explore the difference between human (manmade) and physical (natural) features in the area. In Science, we will explore our 5 senses and our body parts and functions. We will use our phonics skills to write for a variety of purposes and explore numbers within 10 and the pairs of numbers that come together to make 10, for example 2 and 8. We will enjoy folk dancing and doing the Daily Mile on our new track and learn about Christianity in R.E.
- **Reading** daily at home is essential to progress at school in all subjects. This can include your child's online Bug Club book (2 will be issued each week that correlate to your child's reading ability and special Harry's Playground time given to those children who complete their reading each week), a magazine, a favourite story before bed, signs outside etc. Your child will read with the class teacher one day a week on a bi-weekly basis to check his/her reading level. We will rehearse phonics skills daily and read sentences that correlate to our sound of the day. Alternative weeks will focus on whole class guided reading sessions where key skills are taught, such as prediction, inference, vocabulary exploration, retrieval of key facts or information and sequencing stories that are read to them. Your partnership is essential as this will ensure your child's progression through the reading scheme and promote language and vocabulary development, sight word and tricky word recognition and enable quality writing. **Daily attendance** is also paramount to your child's learning success.
- **Home Learning:** please complete the "All About Me" project and return by Monday 18th October. This was given to your child before the summer holiday. Please ask for another copy if this has been misplaced.
- **Communication** will be done via termly updates on the website and you may request a meeting anytime via the school office or catch us on the door at dismissal. You can also pop a note into your child's book bag.

Thank you for your support and partnership in creating life-long learners!

Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Fitter ☺