

September 2021



Dear Parents/Carers

It gives me great pleasure to welcome everybody back to a new academic year at Wraysbury Primary School. I would especially like to welcome all those children and parents who are joining us for the first time and look forward to getting to know everyone as the term progresses. I hope you all had a relaxing summer break and that the children are ready for an exciting year with their new teacher. It has been so lovely to be able to see and talk to parents at the end of the day!

Curriculum

Year 2 started the year with a mini project based on the book 'The Snail and The Whale'. We are now starting our new topic called 'Fabulous Food!' where they will explore among other things healthy eating. Year 1 have started their topic Spooky Fruits, they have enjoyed tasting different fruits and will be moving on to look at Spiders in the next few weeks. All our curriculum maps are on the school website for you to look at.

Phonics and Reading

There is a variety of information available to you as parents to support your child with Phonics. To find out more please visit the following website: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/> you can then click on the 'For Parents' tab. Here you will find videos to demonstrate the sounds taught in each term and how to teach reading tricky words and blending. There is also the option to download pronunciation sheets these give guidance on mouth shape and position of the tongue to produce sounds correctly.

Reading books will be available online through the Collins ebook library. Look out for further information coming soon. Please let your child's class teacher know if you still require a hard copy.

School Clothing

Please can we remind you that all clothing, especially jumpers, cardigans and coats, needs to be clearly named. All children need to wear black sensible school shoes. Trainers are not allowed! All children's hair shoulder length or longer must be tied up with a black or blue hairband and bows should be blue or black and small in size.

Please remember that the children should still have a school book bag in Year 1 and Year 2. There is no need for a rucksack or a pencil case as all stationery is provided.

PE Kit

It is important for reasons of hygiene and safety that children should always have PE clothing available in school. Children's clothing needs to be clearly named. Children need to wear a white t-shirt, navy shorts and velcro trainers. During cold weather dark coloured tracksuit bottoms and a dark coloured hoodie or sweatshirt will be needed for outside games. For safety reasons, jewellery must not be worn at school except for small stud earrings but these must be removed for PE lessons. **Please ensure that earrings are not worn on your child's PE day.** PE clothing needs to be kept at school in a clearly named bag. Teachers will send PE kits home every half term to be washed.

PE Days

Mrs Brech - Monday and Wednesday

Miss Alexander - Monday and Wednesday

Mrs Broadway - Tuesday and Thursday

Miss Wise - Tuesday and Thursday

Healthy Eating

Infants have free fruit provided for them daily. Your child can bring in a piece of fruit or a vegetable from home if they would prefer but please do not provide any other type of snack. Children concentrate better when they have something to eat and water to drink. Please make sure that children's lunch boxes are filled with healthy snacks, which give them energy and help them to focus in lesson time. We discourage sweets and chocolate. If your child has any special dietary requirements could you please discuss these with their class teacher. **Note: we are a nut free school so no peanut butter, Nutella or any other nut products please.**

Drinking Water

Children are encouraged to bring drinking water into school that can be sipped throughout the day. Water bottles can be purchased from the Office at a cost of £1.50 each. Please ensure these are named as children often have similar bottles. Squash is not allowed!

Homework

Each half term the children in both Year 1 and Year 2 will get a list of suggested ideas to complete over the half term which will be based on our topic. We hope the children will enjoy choosing a few of the suggestions and completing them over the half term. The children can, if they like, bring in the homework on a Friday to show the class. In Year 2, we will also be sending Maths homework every couple of weeks. This is not only for the children to complete if they want too but will also show parents what the children have been covering that week/weeks. This homework can be brought back into class for the teachers to look at but will not be marked or given back to the children. We really encourage parents to help their children with their homework.

We often get asked for a list of suggested websites that you can use with your children so here are a few:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk>

<https://whiterosemaths.com/>

After School

Please can we remind you that children should not be playing on any of the equipment after school, this includes the bikes and the slide.

Please remember, if you have any queries or questions myself and the KS1 staff are very happy to meet with you after school and answer them. If you have something that you would like to discuss in more detail, then please make an appointment. We look forward to an exciting and hopefully normal school year and we are very grateful for all your support.

Mrs Brech

KS1 Leader