



RED HOUSE
SCHOOL

WELCOME TO YEARS 1 & 2

Welcome to a new school year in KS1. This letter will inform you of what you need to know before your child starts in his/her new class.

Timings

The school day will be slightly staggered. Please see the drop off and pick up times for your child's year group below. Please note that adults will not be allowed to enter the building.

Year 1: 8.40am - 3.30pm via main entrance
Year 2: 8.30am - 3.25pm via side gate

If you wish for your child to be in wrap around care, please ensure that either your child lets the teacher know at registration or you email the Junior School office before registration.

Uniform and Kit

Children will be expected to wear full uniform. Children can come into school in their PE kit on PE days (we will inform you of these days once we return). Please see relevant kit lists for each year group on the school website and please ensure all items are clearly named.

Equipment

The children may bring their book bag into school which will be stored in their tray. Only essential items should be kept in their book bag. The children will be supplied with all the necessary equipment for their lessons so they do not need to bring any stationery with them. Please note that children are not currently permitted to bring any toys or play equipment into school. They will require indoor and outdoor trainers which will remain in school.

Snacks

The children should bring a named water bottle which will be left in school to be sterilised each night along with a healthy snack in a disposable bag.

Curriculum and Homework

In addition to Mathematics and English, the children will enjoy 6 topics throughout the year incorporating; Science, History, Geography, Art and Design and Design Technology. Other subjects include; PE, ICT, RSE, PSHE and French, and are taught by the class teacher. For Music, the children are taught by Mrs Bell.

KS1 homework is set weekly and will commence once the children have settled into their new classrooms. It will be sent home on a Friday and should be handed in by the following Thursday to be marked. We believe homework should be a shared experience with parents and should not exceed 1 hr per week (excluding reading, daily 10 mins).

Year 1 children will receive a homework book to record their work which will focus on short Mathematics, English or topic related activities. Log-in details for on-line learning activities will be included in the homework book.

Year 2 children will receive one piece of homework each week alternating between Mathematics and English and should be completed in the English homework book or on the worksheets provided. Homework is linked to the weekly activities but may occasionally include activities to support extra-curricular work. Children also have access to ActiveLearn, PurpleMash and Rising Stars Reading. Please email your child's teacher if you require copies of the login details for these.

We currently have a subscription to Rising Stars Reading and we encourage you to use this platform to support your child's reading. We also have a wide selection of books in school which the children will be allowed to take home weekly. The children will be able to choose and return 3 books each Monday. As you know, we place a high emphasis on reading for meaning and pleasure, therefore your child may like to read the books more than once. Talking to your child about the book and answering questions about the characters and plot are very important, as well as focusing on the mechanics of reading the words.

The children will begin learning their weekly spellings once they have settled into their new classroom. They will receive a yellow spelling book which should be brought into school each Monday, ready for the spelling test and it will be sent home the same day, with the new spellings.

Clubs

In order to settle the pupils safely back into school, we will not be offering co-curricular clubs in September but will keep you informed as soon as this changes.

Home School Contact

If your child has difficulty completing any of the work set or if you have other concerns, please contact the teacher in the first instance so that the issue can be addressed quickly.

Contact Details

Year 1 - Mrs B. Kitching (beverley.kitching@redhouseschool.co.uk)

Year 2 - Mrs N. Cooper (nicola.cooper@redhouseschool.co.uk)

We will review our practices as and when the government issues or changes guidelines and will keep you informed at every stage. We welcome any questions or thoughts and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Nicola Cooper