

Oldfield Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome our children back this term and are excited about their move into Year 1. This is an important step, and we look forward to supporting them as they settle into their new routines and experiences.

Our aim is to work closely with you to ensure a smooth transition and to make sure you have all the key information you need. We hope this letter provides useful guidance, but if you have any questions—big or small—please don't hesitate to come and chat with us or contact us via the school office.

We are really looking forward to getting to know the children better and to seeing them grow and flourish in Year 1.

Mrs Yaqub- Bear Class Teacher



My primary aim this year is to support each child in reaching their full potential while fostering a genuine enjoyment of learning. Teaching is not only my profession but also my passion, and I am deeply committed to nurturing a lasting love of learning in every student.

Beyond the classroom, I take great interest in reading and traveling around the world. These pursuits broaden my perspective and continually enrich my approach to teaching.

Bear class is going to be supported by our teaching assistants Mrs Jenkins and Ms Reed.

Mr Manez- Pangolin Class Teacher



My aim this year to ensure your child enjoys their learning whilst making positive progress in their learning journey. I have developed a deep passion for teaching and am very excited to share this passion with the children.

I love sports of all kinds but in particular football is my main hobby. I enjoy travelling and seeing different parts of the world and different cultures.

Pangolin class is going to be supported by our teaching assistant Mrs Neate.



How do I get in contact with Mrs Yaqub and Mr Manez?

We will be available during morning drop offs and at pick up times if you would like to have an informal chat about anything. You can always email the office or alternatively arrange for a formal appointment through the office. We're also going to be sharing relevant documents and information to the Year 1 website page like the Curriculum Overview and Knowledge Organisers.

When do reading books go home?

On a Monday, your child will receive their Little Wandle reading book. **Please could their reading books and records stay in their book bags every day as we have reading sessions throughout the week and we need them available to write our feedback in. Thank you!**

We will collect and take in the Little Wandle books each Friday morning as these are used for group reading sessions the following week. The books cost the school £5 each to replace and are like gold dust so we would really appreciate them being returned.

On Friday afternoons, your child will bring home a Fun Friday book. Please could these be returned after the weekend. These titles are aimed to be enjoyed together at the weekend and for you to share with your child.

Your child may also self-select and come home with additional books from our class Borrow a Book libraries. These books are for your child's reading pleasure and they may require your support to read, or can be read aloud by you to your child. As these titles are for pure enjoyment, these can be read at your own speed and returned when they are finished.

When should the children wear P.E kit to school?

The children will be having P.E lessons on Thursdays and Fridays (both classes) so please can they come dressed in full P.E kit on both of those days.

As the temperature can be very variable at this time of year, please can you ensure that the children are dressed appropriately for the weather. Please note that during the outdoor sessions in the later Autumn, it can be too chilly for just shorts and t-shirts. We would recommend children wear their blue Oldfield PE jumpers and jogging bottoms when the weather gets too chilly.

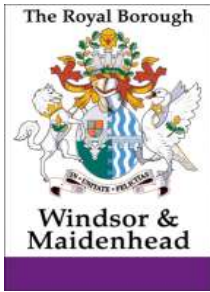
What should they bring to school?

Please could they bring a **named school water bottle** full of fresh water and a **named healthy snack** (vegetables, fruit, but NO nuts) for morning breaktime. We would recommend children bring in their personal belongings to school in a **named book bag**. As we have limited space in the cloakroom, please **do not send them in with rucksacks unless they have an after-school club that requires a change of clothes**- thanks for your co-operation. Boxes of tissues would be so gratefully received!

Children are not allowed to bring in any toys to school but they may bring in a thing they have made, a picture or a book to share with their friends for show and tell.

What will the Home Learning be like?

We appreciate that every household is different and that most are very busy. We are very grateful for all the support you give the children at home and **we would love it if you are able to read with them every day**. Even if it's just 10 minutes each morning, that is brilliant!



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To support your child's confidence with phonics, on a Friday they will **receive Little Wandle Phonics learning sheets** that will reflect the sounds that we would have been focusing on in class that week. There will also be **linked spellings for them to practice**, which they will then be assessed on in school the following Friday to see how well they can apply their phonic knowledge. These may well be adapted to suit your child's particular needs.

We will also be sharing, in due course, login details for several useful maths sites including **Times Table Rock Stars** & **Numbots** to help with their mathematical development too.

Children will also be given a weekly maths task to complete in their homework folders that would need to be brought back to school to be marked.

Each large term, the children will have one task to complete. In the Autumn terms it will be linked to their seasonal Christmas performance. We will share song lyrics and performance details for this project in Autumn 2.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Yaqub

Year 1 Bear

Mr Manez

Year 1 Pangolin



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