

Gladstone Road Primary School

Y1 Welcome Letter for parents



Welcome to Y1!

Hello and welcome to Year 1!

Everything is a very unusual this year so we are trying to put in a few things to ease the move into the year group.

We have discussed the best way to contact parents and we have decided as not all children have access to a tablet/phone we will be doing an individual phone call rather than anything like Zoom. In a few weeks teachers will ring you for a quick chat and for your child to say hi if they want to! **This will be also be an opportunity to discuss your child's report with your new class teacher.** Nearer the time a text will be sent a few days before telling you which day to expect the call.

There is an activity which we would like your child to do and can be sent to school by email (admin@gladstone.n-yorks.sch.uk), come and post in the school letter box in the entrance or post!

New teachers will be starting to go onto Purple Mash to see your child's work as well as current teachers. Also they will be setting a weekly challenge on here. Don't worry if you can't access Purple Mash as we know everyone can't – this isn't going to be a problem.

Many teachers have already had transition meetings with current teachers (unless they are staying with their class and moving up together!) to find out about each pupil and the best way they learn and much more.

Year 1 Staff

The Year 1 team includes:

Miss N Phillips (1P) supported by **Miss Colmer**

Miss L Bolton (1B) supported by **Mrs Bruce**

Mrs S Pashby (1S) supported by **Mrs Holt/Mrs Greenaway**

Miss A Gillen (1G) supported by **Mrs Gale**



Useful Information (if everything returns to normal in September)

Curriculum

- Our new curriculum plan will soon be on the website which the staff have worked really hard to develop which will inspire the children.
- We will be sending you a copy of this once it has had the final checks!

End / Start of the School Day

Members of the Senior Leadership Team will be positioned around all the entrances into school every morning and making regular visits to the park/all-weather pitch. Feedback shows this is a real benefit to the school community.

Start of the School Day

The door will be open at 8:50. You will enter through the bottom door of the large playground. The Year One TA's will be there to help. The children will then walk independently to their classrooms. 1P children will enter through the door into their class cloakroom. Miss Colmer will be there waiting to guide you in.

End of the School Day

If you collect from the main playground can we please ask that you stand towards the back of the playground on the green area so that the EYFS children can be collected before Y1 and Y2. 1P children will leave through the big playground. 1B will leave by a door which is near the top of Gladstone Road (just after the Reception Yellow and Green playground). 1S and 1G will leave through the reception yellow and green playground. If someone other than yourself is collecting your child, please inform the school via the Teaching Assistant in the morning, or by phoning the school office.

Drinks & Healthy Snacks for break times

We do provide fruit for pupils each day. All children are encouraged to try the snack and fresh water is available on the playground.

Please provide a named water bottle, which is taken home daily to be washed and refilled. Pupils can refill their bottles during the school day.

School uniform

- Coats, jumpers, packed lunch boxes, PE kits and **anything else** must be named! It is sad to see all out lost-property.
- School shoes need to be black
- Plans were underway for a box in the entrance where used uniform (in good condition) would be dropped off by parents. Parents would be able to pop in at any time to pick up any uniform. This is still in our plans to introduce.

PE

- P.E. is on a Tuesday and another day yet to be decided
- PE kit that includes blue shorts and a yellow T-shirt (No football or rugby kits are to be worn)
- Some lessons are outdoors so include track suit bottoms.
- All belongings are clearly labelled and PE kits are kept in school in labelled PE bags.
- Trainers or suitable foot wear
- No jewellery is to be worn so if earrings are not removed micro pore tape/plasters must be provided.

Reading

For a child to progress in all areas of the curriculum, they should be reading for 15 minutes reading every day.

- Please sign their reading diary every time you hear your child read.
- Your child will receive a gold star for every 5 times they've read.
- Books will be changed after your child has read it three times or once a week. The first read focusing on decoding, the second read builds up fluency and the third read will tackle comprehension skills.
- Reading diaries should be brought into school every day and we will award the reading in our weekly assemblies.
- Our library slot is every Tuesday.

Spellings

In the front of your child's Busy Book there is a list of the Y1 spelling words. Please select a few at a time to practise. There will be little quizzes of these words and we will be looking out for the correct spellings being used in children's writing.

Maths

In Year 1 we teach 'Maths No Problem!' The children will get to meet the characters and work together to solve the various Maths problems that they have. At parents' evening we will be providing you with some resources that you can use at home to support your child's learning in Maths.

Homework

In addition to their Reading and Phonics homework, your child will have a Busy Book in their book bag. This can be used to show any learning or activity that has happened at home. For example, if your family has a special day out, your child may like to draw or write about it. Photographs can be used, too. Alternatively, if your child is particularly interested in something, they may wish to research it and write or draw about what they have found out. Children use their Busy Books in many ways and we really enjoy looking at what they bring in.