

Welcome
to
Year 1

Meet the Staff

Beech Class:

- Miss Backhouse
- Miss Apps

Maple Class:

- Mrs Lindsay
- Mrs Harrison

Holly Class:

- Mrs Hamar
- Mr Amos

Class Rules

- ▶ We work hard, always trying our best
- ▶ We are kind, helpful and sharing
- ▶ We listen to each other and our teachers
- ▶ We put our hands up when we want to speak
- ▶ We look after each other and our property
- ▶ We play together and have fun
- ▶ We are polite and speak nicely to one another

Behaviour

Our class rules are closely linked to our school ethos and our School Values; PRIDE

Positivity, Respect, Integrity, Determination and Excellence

REWARD systems:

- Sunshine, Superstar, Rain cloud and Thunder cloud
- Stickers and raffle tickets for good work and behaviour
- Celebration assembly and certificates of achievement

Timetable

- ▶ Registration - short early morning task
- ▶ Guided reading or independent activities
- ▶ Phonics
- ▶ Snack and playtime
- ▶ Assembly
- ▶ Literacy
- ▶ Maths
- ▶ Lunch and playtime
- ▶ Registration - handwriting
- ▶ Topic - science, art, history, geography, RE, computing
- ▶ Story and home time

Homework

- ▶ Orange home learning books
- ▶ Given out on Friday and collected the following Wednesday.
- ▶ This will usually involve a task related to our topic, maths or literacy.
- ▶ Please complete homework tasks using writing pencils, NOT biro or felt pen.

Supporting Phonics At Home

- ▶ Please continue to support you child's progress in Phonics by practising target sounds, identifying these in different contexts and playing word games.
- ▶ We will send lists of sounds home regularly for you to practise with your child.
- ▶ We will also send home lists of high frequency words, please continue to practise reading and writing these accurately with your child.

Reading

- ▶ In school:
 - ▶ Weekly guided reading sessions in class
 - ▶ Individual reading during the school day
- ▶ At Home:
 - ▶ We will send home a school reading book for your child to read to you. These are suited to your child's reading ability and will be changed 3 times each week (Mon, Wed, Fri) as long as you have indicated in the contact book that it has been read.
 - ▶ Buster's Book Club - New book mark, please fill in each WEDNESDAY night.

P.E.

Our P.E. session is Monday afternoon

- Kit should be in school at all times
- This should include T-shirt / shorts / plimsolls/ trainers/tracksuit trousers/jumper
- Spare socks would be helpful.
- Earrings must be removed and hair tied back
- Please ensure that ALL P.E. equipment is clearly named

Water bottles

- ▶ It is important for children to keep hydrated in order to concentrate and participate fully in their learning.
- ▶ We expect that all children will come to school with a named water bottle which they will have available throughout the day.
- ▶ It is extremely important that this contains **WATER ONLY**, not squash or fruit juice.

So what's coming up.....

Our topic this term is: Houses and Homes

- Our homes
- Our village
- Our community

Science:

- Materials and their properties
- Animals including humans

Reporting to parents

- ▶ We have a number of opportunities for reporting concerns or achievements throughout the year:
- ▶ Meet the Teacher
- ▶ Celebration assemblies
- ▶ Parent Consultations
- ▶ Written reports

We are always available for a quick chat about any concerns at the end of the day. If you feel you need longer to discuss any issues, please arrange an appointment with the office.

How you can help at school?

- ▶ Joining our team of parent helpers to support reading, English and maths throughout the school
- ▶ Join the PTA
- ▶ Volunteer to escort children on school trips
- ▶ Please inform us if there are any changes to your child's pick up arrangements at the end of the day by leaving a little note in the contact book.

Contacting Us

- ▶ We are always happy to discuss any concerns you have either by an informal chat or a longer meeting.
- ▶ You may contact your child's class teacher through email via Office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk - just put the teacher's name in the subject box at the top
- ▶ Most of all we want to celebrate your child's successes with you!