



Year 1  
Miss Westby  
Autumn Term 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of what will be a fantastic year in Year 1. We hope you have all had an enjoyable Summer and are ready for an exciting year ahead. In Year 1 this year, Miss Potter will support the children in class with us. Over the year we will be working very hard and having lots of fun along the way. If you have any questions, then please remember I am always here to help; either speak to me at the end of the day, contact me via class dojo or email the school office:

[office@harwood-meadows.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:office@harwood-meadows.bolton.sch.uk)

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### HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD

- Read with your child at home. If possible, at least 3 times a week. Please remember to sign your child's reading record.
- Practise spellings, number bonds and number facts.
- Encourage your child to develop their independence, remembering their water bottles, packed lunches and coats, as well as fastening coats and laces.
- Remind your child to hand in any letters or reply slips to their teacher.
- Check your child's reading packet each day.
- Check Class Dojo for any messages and updates of learning.

We are...

Aspirational  
Resilient  
Kind

### THINGS TO REMEMBER

**TUESDAY** is our P.E. day. Please come to school dressed in your PE kit. Earrings must be taken out at home, please. Also, please can children bring in either pumps or trampolining socks, to leave in school. We will use these when we are in the hall for PE. Some weeks we will have an additional PE lesson on a **Thursday**, I will let you know when this is via Class Dojo. Children should wear the school P.E kit (navy shorts and red t-shirt).

**UNIFORM:** Please make sure that your child's uniform is clearly labelled; we have so many children that items of uniform and P.E. kit are easily lost. Children with long hair must have it tied back in a hair bobble.

**WATER BOTTLES:** Please make sure that children bring a clearly labelled water bottle into school each day.

**HOMEWORK:** Will be sent home each Friday and is due back each Wednesday.

**SNACK:** All children in KS1 are offered healthy fruit each day, these vary from raisins, pears, apples etc. You can also send your child to school with a healthy snack in addition to this. No nuts please.

**READING BOOKS:** Reading books will be changed every **MONDAY**. Please bring your child's reading book into school every day.

**SPELLINGS:** All children will receive spellings on a **MONDAY**. They will be tested on these spellings at the end of the week, on **FRIDAY**. The spellings will be related to the book they are reading that week. Please practice writing them

### READING BOOKS

Your child will bring home a Read, Write, Inc. book bag book which is linked to the level they are working at. The books are closely linked with the book read in school and offer additional practise reading the graphemes taught that week. Please read with your child every day and sign their diary. Reading books will be changed at least once a week and a new book will be allocated. Children will read at different times during the week. Please ensure your child brings their reading book and diary to school every day. Your child will also bring home a book from the 100 books challenge to enjoy together.

in the green spellings books, writing the words 3 times each.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September** – Individual School Photos
- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September** – Parents Meet the Teacher (3:45 / 4:15)
- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October** – Phonics Meeting for Parents
- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** - School Finishes at 3:30pm for 1 week Half Term
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – Back to School
- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>/ Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Parent Conference
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Dinner Day/ Christmas Fair
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Turton Tower Christmas Visit
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Nativity Performance @ 2pm
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Parties
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – School Finishes at 2pm
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025** – Back to School

### SUBJECT OVERVIEWS

**MATHS:** Place Value (to 10); Addition and Subtraction within 10; Shape

**ENGLISH:** Descriptive Writing; Letters and Postcards; Information Texts; Poetry

**SCIENCE:** Animals including Humans

**HISTORY:** Toys

**GEOGRAPHY:** Weather and Seasons

**COMPUTING:** E-Safety; Digital literacy, basic skills, including logging on and off, touch typing and knowing the main keys on a keyboard

**PE:** Balancing, sprinting, jogging, dodging, jumping, hopping, skipping, gymnastic skills, safe use of equipment

**PSHE:** Being me in my world and celebrating difference.

**RE:** Key questions – Who do Christians say made the world?

**MUSIC:** Hey You! – A Celebration of Old-School Hip Hop

**ART:** The Garden Centre; Drawing using pencils; David Hockney – Self-Portraits

### SCHOOL RULES

Ready...Respectful...Safe

### CLASS DOJOS

Children will earn dojos in class all year towards their bronze, silver and gold badges.

**50 dojos = Bronze**   **100 dojos = Silver**   **150 dojos = Gold**   **200 = Platinum**

If you haven't signed up already, you will receive a parent sign up code so you



can follow your child's progress.