



Welcome to Year 1/2



Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to welcome you to our Year 1/2 class named Glittering Rainbows! I hope that your child enjoys the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 1/2 has to offer. We are excited to be starting our new topics this term, Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot, Living things and their habitats, and Oceans and Continents. We are sure to have great fun learning together.



Reading

On **Friday** your child will bring home their book bag and the book will be for reading at home. You are welcome to record any comments about your child's reading and return these to school to inform us of how your child's reading is progressing at home. I am happy to send additional books as requested. Children's reading levels will be reviewed in September and a coloured book-band will be allocated, which may be different to their previous colour band. Children may receive the same book twice and this is to consolidate comprehension and word recognition skills. Please note that unless your child brings a school book bag, the reading books and records will remain in school.

I will hear your child read in school each week independently and through whole class reading sessions of our class novel. These sessions aim to provide more focused teaching of reading and comprehension skills. Pupils will also take part in daily phonic sessions to consolidate their blending and segmenting skills.

Therefore, it is vital that your child reads as much as possible at home to make good progress to improve comprehension, word recognition, spelling and to have fun!



Homework



Homework will go out on a Friday to be returned the following **Wednesday** please.

Homework will focus mainly on key skills such as reading, phonics and number work e.g. times tables.

If a project is sent home to be completed e.g. for history or science, it will be optional and a much longer time scale will be given to ensure it is manageable for pupils and families. Your support with homework is greatly appreciated.



PE

Year 1/2 have Monday as their selected day for PE. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school at all times with all items clearly labelled. This includes a t-shirt, shorts/jogging trousers and appropriate footwear.

Please note earrings must be removed for PE lessons. Also, for the continued health and safety of our pupils, we are aiming to be an 'earring free' school. Your support in this is greatly appreciated.



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SATS and Phonic Screening

In the summer term, Y2 pupils will sit the Key Stage One SATS examinations (Reading, Maths and an optional Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling paper). The tests will be administered in May in a relaxed environment. Our aim at Bournmoor Primary is that pupils achieve their potential and reach their individual goals. Once the tests are marked, pupils will be given a scaled score. A scaled score of 100 or above means that the child is working at the expected standard and a score below 100 allows Year 3 teachers to know that pupils will require additional support when moving to the Key Stage Two curriculum. Please note that more information regarding SATS will follow.

In the summer term, Y1 pupils will complete the phonic screening check during June. Pupils will receive daily phonic sessions, phonic activities and homework tasks in preparation for this.



Can I help?

We understand that starting a new school year may be challenging and daunting for pupils as they become used to new routines and different classroom layouts. Please rest assured that I will do everything to ensure that your children find school a safe, fun and welcome environment in Year 1/2.

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's progress or anything else, please contact the school via email or telephone. I am always happy to help and want to work with you to ensure your child becomes the best they can be this year!



Thank you for your support.
Miss Purdy