

Year 1

Rush Common School

2022-2023

Mrs Brown, Mrs Lipp, Mrs Drew, Mrs McLardie

Mrs Cleaves, Mrs Newton



Meet the Teachers and TAs:

- ▶ 1LMJB- Mrs McLardie (Monday-Wednesday), Mrs Brown (Wednesday - Friday) and Mrs Newton (all week)
- ▶ 1NDBL - Mrs Drew (Monday-Wednesday), Mrs Lipp (Thursday-Friday) and Mrs Cleaves (all week)



First week at school

Thank you for your support so far.

We have been really pleased with the way that the children have settled into the routines of Year 1.

School Uniform:

- ▶ Regular school uniform is expected to be worn everyday. Our P.E days are Wednesdays and Fridays, please send your children in their P.E kits on these days.
- ▶ Please refer to the school uniform policy on the website.

Additional reminders:

- ▶ Hair should be tied back using a scrunchie, hair band, clip or ribbon that is black, brown or green.
- ▶ Hair gel should not be used to style hair.
- ▶ No extreme hairstyles please - unnatural colours, shaved styles, etc.
- ▶ Minimal jewellery should be worn for practical, health and safety reasons.
- ▶ A wristwatch and/or single stud earring in each ear lobe are permitted.
- ▶ All jewellery should be removed for PE and games.
- ▶ Nail varnish and make-up are not permitted.



Communication:

- ▶ We really value the relationship that we have with you as parents and want to be as approachable as possible. Any short communications can be passed over at drop off/pick up. For any lengthy communications with us, please could these be sent through the school office email.
- ▶ Weekly Updates for your year group will be sent out on Fridays via Bromcom to update you on what the children will be learning the following week
- ▶ Weekly Updates will also share important dates and reminders throughout the year.
- ▶ There is a fortnightly newsletter for all parents.



The School Day:



Lunch arrangements:

- ▶ School meals are available to order through ParentMail.
- ▶ Year 1 children eat their lunch in the hall at 12:00
Mrs Cleaves looks after the Y1 children in the hall
- ▶ Y1 have playtime at 12:30



Curriculum:

In term 1A, our topic is Dinosaurs. We will

In Term 1B, our topic is Toys. We will focus on differences between toys in the past and modern toys. We will draw toys in the style of Andy Warhol and look at what materials toys are made from. In R.E children will focus on celebrations.

Term 2's topic is Australia. Term 3A we are learning about 'Great Fire of London' and Term 3B's focus is 'Rivers and Coasts'.



Curriculum and enrichment:

These are the trips and enrichment we are hoping to do/have this academic year.

Term 1A - Dinosaur talk from Oxfordshire museum

Term 1B - Grandparent talk about toys

Term 2A -

Term 2B - Crocodiles of the World

Term 3A -

Term 3B - Walk to a lock in Abingdon, talk from a lock keeper and picnic by the river







Curriculum and teaching methods:

- ▶ In Year 1 we use Numicon, number lines, tens frames, bead strings, counters, multilink cubes and a variety of sorting objects for our Maths lessons.
- ▶ Please also refer to the calculation policy on the school website.



Other ways to support your child:

- ▶ Daily reading - listen to your child read, but also read to them.
- ▶ Conversation - talking about current events, plans, what you or they are reading. This will help build their vocabulary.
- ▶ Practise Maths - mental maths, times tables, adding, baking, shopping, etc.



Homework expectations:

- ▶ Reading for pleasure
- ▶ One Maths/One English a week alternated
- ▶ Homework Books will be provided for all children
- ▶ Google Classroom - work will usually be set on Google Classroom. All children have now received their Google Classroom log on details.
- ▶ NumBots - all children have now received their log on details. This is great for quick practise of Maths facts.



How you can support the school:

- ▶ Support social and fundraising events.
- ▶ Friends of Rush Common (FoRC).
- ▶ Become a Governor.
- ▶ Volunteering your skills and talents - gardening, crafts, resources.



Behaviour:

Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful

- ▶ Our behaviour management is based on a restorative approach.
- ▶ We create a positive environment throughout the school and model our three school rules.
- ▶ Recognition of positive behaviour through House Points, Stickers, Star of the day, Celebration Nominations and Homework Champions.



Pupil Welfare:

- ▶ Keep the school up-to-date on any medical conditions. We will need to see a letter from a medical professional.
- ▶ Only prescription medication required more than 3 times daily can be administered. This will need to be signed in by a First Aider.
- ▶ It is parents' and carers' responsibility to ensure medication/inhalers are in date.
- ▶ Please ensure that your child/ren are equipped appropriately for the weather. (i.e. sunscreen/hats in summer, coats in winter and raincoats as necessary).



Please communicate any significant bumps or injuries to class teachers.

Pupil Welfare:

- ▶ **Bullying:**
when someone is deliberately hurtful to someone over a period of time.
 - ▶ **At school we:**
 - ▶ have anti-bullying ambassadors
 - ▶ raise awareness through assemblies, presentations, forums, nurture groups, PSHE lessons and pupil leadership.
- ▶ **Online Safety:**
 - ▶ We have regular lessons for pupils throughout the school year.
 - ▶ Follow SMART rules (Safe, Meeting, Accepting, Reliable, Tell) - <https://www.childnet.com/resources/be-smart-online>
 - ▶ **At home:**
 - ▶ Ensure the content they access is age-appropriate.
 - ▶ Set rules and boundaries together.
 - ▶ Don't ban the internet outright. Have an open conversation about it.
 - ▶ Train your child to know what to do if something makes them uncomfortable. Show them the tools to use to report abuse.
 - ▶ Visit <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>.



Questions?

