



Key Stage 1 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024

Wow the end of the summer already! Despite the weather being a bit changeable we hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and are now ready for the start of a new term ahead. We have planned lots of exciting activities for your children this term. We have included as much information as possible in this newsletter so please keep this for reference. You can also consult the website for different dates and remember that we are always here to answer any questions. Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Sherstone and the Key Stage 1 Team

Staff

Class Teachers

- Year 1 - Miss Preston
- Year 1 - Miss Doyle
- Year 1/2 - Mrs Beckingham
- Year 2 - Miss Gillis
- Year 2 - Miss Sherstone and Mrs Wade

Further support

- Miss Bee (HLTA), Miss Page (LSA), Miss Maslin Barr(LSA), Mrs Stuart (LSA), Miss Pooran (LSA)
- Mrs Foster (LSA) Miss Chesworth (LSA and Boost assistant)

Key Stage 1 opening times

School starts:

8.45am - KS1 playground.
Please line up by your teacher.

School finishes:

- 3.15pm** - Year 1 - at the side entrance - Miss Doyle
KS1 playground gate - Miss Preston
- Year 1/2 - key stage 2 playground - Mrs Beckingham's door
- 3.15pm** - Year 2 - Mrs Wade/Miss Sherstone the KS1 playground gate
- Year 2 - key stage 2 playground - Miss Gillis's door



Office hours: 8.00-3.30

The office is open between these hours, if you call before or after this time please leave a message and we will get back to you.

Rewards

We will reward children who act like a Westmorland Warrior, and demonstrate our school values of:

- Willpower
- Achievement
- Respect
- Reflection
- Independence
- Organisation and
- Reliability



Attendance

It is vital that your children attend school **every day!**



We understand that children get ill sometimes but anything over 5 days a year is deemed as excessive. Just missing an odd day here and there is so detrimental to your child's learning and they can miss essential learning opportunities.

Fines will be issued where needed...

However many rewards are planned for excellent attendance... watch this space!

If your child is absent, remember you can now email school on this address:

absence@westmorland.stockport.sch.uk

—your child will only get their Reliability on their WARRIOR chart if they are in school all week.

School Uniform



Every child should be wearing the correct school uniform as well as sensible shoes (not boots). All uniform needs to be named, **especially jumpers and PE kits!** Can be bought online at stitchdesign.co.uk
The weather is unpredictable at any time of the year so please make sure your child has their coat in school every day.

Jewellery - It is school policy that the children are allowed a watch (not smart!) in school.

No other jewellery (including studs) are permitted.

Mobile phones - the children are not allowed these in school

Rain!

Please ensure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat that fastens, in case of the typical changeable Manchester weather!



PE

PE kit = shorts, t-shirt, pumps.

Year 2 and Year 1/2 have PE on Thursday and Year 1 has PE on Friday but please make sure that they have their kit in school **every day** in case they have an extra session during the week. Children will bring their kit home at the **end of the half term** for washing.



Rainbow challenges

In Year 1 and Year 1/2 the children will be accessing continuous provision to enhance their learning. In this the children will partake in independent challenges to aim to achieve all rainbow colours.



Curriculum Themes

All the children will complete daily English and Mathematics lessons. They will also learn History, Geography, Computing, PSHE, RE, Art, Music and Design Technology knowledge and skills regularly.

Year 1

Year 1 will be learning about **The local area** - thinking about where we live, plants and the artist Andy Goldsworthy. After half term, we will learn about **The Gunpowder Plot**- thinking about the history surrounding Bonfire night, sliders and levers in DT and classifying animals in science.

Year 1/2

The Year 1/2 class will be looking at the **local area** (including plants) and comparing it with **London**. After half term we are thinking about what shopping was like in the past and how it has changed within living memory in History, animals in science and sewing in DT..

Year 2

Year 2 are starting off thinking about the **Environment** - including The North and South Poles, plants and Van Gogh. After half term, we will be thinking about **Achievements!** - Learning about the 2002 Manchester Commonwealth Games, animals in science and textiles.



Trips and Visits

This term Year 1 will be visiting the park and Reddish Vale and will be enjoying a history workshop,

Year 1/2 will be visiting the local area including a trip to Stockport and will be visiting a local supermarket.

Year 2 will be looking at plants in the local area and will be visiting the Etihad stadium, where the Commonwealth games were held.

More information to follow!



Snack:



If your child would like bread/crackers and butter you need to pay **£1 on Parentpay** by the **Friday** of the week before, you can pay for the half term if you wish.

All children in Key Stage 1 are provided with a daily piece of fruit **but** unfortunately no other snack is allowed at playtime.



Coffee Mornings/Afternoons

Please come to our coffee morning/afternoon and a chat to meet and talk to your child's new teacher.



You will have the opportunity to hear how your child will be taught, expectations of the year group and they will be able to answer any questions you might have!

These will be at 9.00, after school drop off or at 3.00 before pick up in the school hall.

Tuesday 10th @ 3.00—Year 1 - Miss Preston and Miss Doyle

Wednesday 11th @ 3.00 Year 2— Miss Gillis, Mrs Wade and Miss Sherstone

Thursday 12th @ 9.00—Year 1/2 Mrs Beckingham

We look forward to welcoming you there!

Parent pay



Don't forget we are a cashless school and use ParentPay for school dinners, school uniform, snack and school trips. This system is working well.

This year you will be asked to pay £8.50 per term for the varied, exciting visits and/or visitors we have planned using ParentPay.

This amount is heavily subsidised by school, however if not enough payments are received some trips will not go ahead. If for any reason a trip cannot go ahead for any reason, you will be refunded via ParentPay.

If you are still encountering any problems please see the office staff and they will be more than happy to help.

Rocket Phonics

In year 1 and 2 your children will be taught phonics to help them to continue their journey to being fluent readers.

For your child's online books don't forget the website: <https://boost-learning.com>

Then add your child's full name in lower case.

Password: westmorland1



Numbots



Please remember the expectation is for your children to go onto Numbots three times a week, 10 minutes a time.

This is to help them become fluent in maths.

Reading



We would **still** love you to, **READ READ READ and TALK TALK TALK** with your children at home.



Children are expected to read at **least three times a week**. Please ensure that you or another adult is listening to your child read and signing their reading record which **must** be brought into school every day.

The children are encouraged to read and re read the books they are given to build up fluency and will have their books changed frequently.

Please talk to your child about what they are reading, this is a vital part of their learning process.

If you need any help supporting your child with their reading, talk to your class teacher at the start of the day.

Don't forget it's important to enjoy sharing stories with your children. Read to them regularly and enjoy talking about characters, stories and interesting facts together.

Try attending ROAM, below!

Readers On A Mission - ROAM

We will still be inviting parents to come into school to watch with their child on Tuesday morning every week.

The children will have a sticker chart where when they attend 6 times they can collect their reward!



Class assemblies!

We will be inviting parents into school to watch class assemblies and enjoy a reading, writing and maths workshop with your child. Dates to follow...