



Year 1 and Year 1/2 Newsletter

Spring Term 2025

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful festive 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.

Staff

Class Teachers

- Year 1 - Miss Preston
- Year 1 - Miss Doyle
- Year 1/2 - Mrs Beckingham

Further support

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

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



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!** These can be bought online at stitchdesign.co.uk



Jewellery - The only jewellery allowed will be a simple wrist watch and small flat stud earrings (worn at their own risk) on days when they do not have sporting activities. The children will need to remove these for all sporting/physical activity. If a child wearing earrings from Monday next week cannot remove them by themselves for activities, then parents will be expected to come in to remove them, before they can take part in sporting activities or attend after school sports.

Mobile phones - the children are not allowed these in School

Rain/Snow/Hail!

Please ensure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat that fastens, in case of the typical changeable Manchester weather! Remember to send gloves and a warm hat in this icy spell we have been having.



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

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.

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.



PE

PE kit = shorts, t-shirt, pumps. Joggers and jumper for outside in the cold weather.

Year 1/2 have PE on Thursday and Year 1 have 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.

Remember, **no earrings for any sporting activities!**



Rainbow challenges

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



Independence

Your help is vital in making your children independent learners. Letting them get ready for school in the morning is part of this including letting the children put their socks, shoes and coats on.

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 United Kingdom** - thinking about the country in which we live, materials in science and will be looking at the work of the artist LS Lowry. After half term, year 1 will learn about **Communication changes**—how communication has changed over time classifying animals in science and exploring and creating structures in D and T.

Year 1/2

Year 1/2 will be learning about **Around the World**—finding out about continents and oceans of the world in geography, materials in science and will be looking at the work of Matisse and Alma Thomas. Next half term year 1/2 will be learning about **The History of Flight** including the Stockport Air disaster in history, animals including humans in Science and wheels and axles in D and T.



Trips and Visits

We have lots of trips and visits planned for this and next half term, including Year 1 visiting the Whitworth Gallery and Year 1/2 having an exciting visitor!

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 are provided with a daily piece of fruit but unfortunately no other snack is allowed at playtime.

No £1, No bread/crackers!



Writing workshops!



It was so lovely to see so many of you at our year 1 reading workshop.



We have now planned a **writing** workshop.

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!

Please come and join your child to take part in some brilliant activities.

This will be at **9.00**, after school drop off on

30th January

We look forward to welcoming you there!



(Year 2— you should have received an invitation for your workshop next week!)

Class assemblies!

We will be inviting parents into school to watch class assemblies and to enjoy listening to and looking at the work your children have been busy doing since September.

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 year 1/2 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 read 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!



Fun things this term



Thursday 6th March is World Book Day!

Keep the date in mind as we will be planning some brilliant activities in school this week in the next half term.