

A message from my new teacher...

Hello,

I am Miss O'Hara and I am looking forward to teaching you in September. I enjoy going for long walks in the countryside with my family. I look forward to finding out all about you and the things you like to do. In Year One, we learn in lots of different fun and exciting ways. As your teacher, I expect that you will work hard, try your best and respect your learning.

Take care and enjoy your summer.

Miss O'Hara



Welcome to Year 1



Information for Parents

Homework is given on a **Friday** and is linked to core English and Maths skills. This homework is due back on **Wednesday**. Spelling homework as part of our Grand

Picking your child up at the end of the day - All children **MUST** be picked up by an adult from the playground at **3.15pm**.

Please collect your child on

Reading Bags

Reading books are changed **daily**.



Lower School Teaching staff:

Miss Nield, Miss Hulme, Miss O'Hara, Mrs Berry.

Lower School Support staff:

Mrs Dey, Mrs Ahmed, Miss Barry, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Bibi, Mrs Chowdhury, Miss Hilton, Mrs Miah.

Phase Leader: Mrs Hilton

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.



General Information:

- Your child's class is 10H
- In the first few weeks, your child will sit in a team with 3 or 4 other children. Teams change each half term so children can learn how to work cooperatively with all members of the class.
- Morning playtime will be at 10.15am and lunchtime will be at 11.30am. In the afternoon, we will have another playtime at 2.30pm
- In Year 1, children will be offered a piece of fruit to eat each day. They can also choose to have milk if they wish.
- Children in 10H will have two sessions of PE each week. For indoor PE children will need to wear a t-shirt in their house colour and black shorts or leggings. For outdoor PE, children will need to wear a tracksuit and trainers. Your child will bring their PE kit home at the end of each half term so it can be washed. They will need to bring it back on the first day of each new half term.
- In Year 1, we have a café on a Friday which children can bring 50p for. Children can also bring money in on a Friday for the stationery shop.

How can I help my child to be successful at school?

Each half term you will receive a 'Knowledge Organiser' topic overview sheet. Please work through this with your child – especially learning the key facts and vocabulary.



In Year 1, we will be working on learning and recalling number bonds for each number to 10. Children are also expected to know the subtraction facts related to each of these bonds. Please ask your child to recall their number bonds out of order. Your child needs to be able to 'instantly' recall bonds without working them out.

You can also support your child's learning by helping them to prepare for their weekly Grand Spell and Power Planets tests.

The age-appropriate phonics phase for the start of Year 1 is to recap phase 4 before starting phase 5. A list for your child's phase will be given out, and parents are welcome to have copies of the next phase– please just ask.

The age-appropriate reading book band for the start of Year 1 is Yellow (Stage 3). By the end of the year, your child should be on, or beyond, orange book band (Stage 6). Reading, understanding and using many words, is the best skill your child can learn to help them succeed in life.

What else can I do at home to help my child in their learning?



- Read! Some great books to borrow from the library are books by the authors Martin Waddell, David McKee, Judith Kerr and Oliver Jeffers.
- Help your child to learn the Year 1 Spellings. Please see the sheet included. Please practise these with your child and let us know when they have learnt them all!
- Log on to DB Primary to enjoy some online learning activities. You can access DB Primary by clicking on the VLE link on the school website: www.burnleybrow.co.uk
- Enjoy spending the summer together whilst playing outside, visiting your local library or going for a walk in the park.

Year 1 Maths Skills

Counting

Your child needs to be able to count forwards and backwards from 0 to 100.

They need to learn to count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10.

Age-appropriate skills for your child:

- Find 1 more and 1 less for numbers within 100
- Recall of number bonds to 20
- Add and subtract within 20
- Name common 2D and 3D shapes
- Name the days of the week
- Tell the time to the hour and half hour.



Please practise with your child.

Writing in Year 1

Your child will continue to develop their writing skills during the year. By the end of Year 1, your child should be able to:

- Use the connective 'and' to join words and sentences
- Use capital letters and full stops
- Begin to use exclamation marks and question marks
- Use capital letters for names and I
- Leave a space between words
- Form letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place.

Work on these skills during the year to help your child.

