Welcome to Year 1

Miss Arnold – 1A

Mrs Gandhi – 1G

Daily Routines

- School begins at 8.40
- Registration at 8.50
- We encourage children to come into the class on their own.

National Curriculum

In Year 1 we follow the National Curriculum and are working towards the end of Key Stage 1 teacher assessments.

Daily – English, Maths, Geography, History, Science, Phonics (Reading Assessment) and Reading.

Weekly - Guided reading, RE, PSHE and handwriting.

Transition

- The transition from EYFS into Year 1 can be challenging for some children.
- Therefore we try and make it as smooth as possible by giving the children time to settle in by reciprocating the reception environment.

Curriculum

We base our curriculum on topics which are every half term.

The main topics are :

1st Half term – Animals and Ourselves/Seasonal Changes

2nd Half term – Famous People/Weather Changes

3rd Half term – Materials/Countries of UK

4th Half term – Toys/WW1

5th Half term – Our Local Area/Mapping Skill

6th Half term – Plants and Growth

Trips

Aldenham Country Park

We shall endeavour to keep costs to a minimum and will give you plenty of notice regarding payment.

Home learning/Reading

We shall be issuing home learning every Friday, to be completed by the following Tuesday.

Finished home learning will be checked (either online or in folders). Children will be expected to remove folders from their book bag.

We will change reading books on Tuesdays and Fridays, only if reading records have been signed by an adult. You will be given 2 books at a time.

Online Learning

Due to the current situation, the school have opted to subscribe to these websites.
These websites will help support their learning.
Passwords and Usernames will be handed out in due time.

- Purple Mash
- Google Classrooms

Independent Learners

At Roxeth we teach children strategies to use when they get stuck.

- Stop
- Think
- Use
- Clues
- Kids

We encourage children to have a go:

"Mistakes help us to learn."

P.E

Class 1A –Wednesday (outdoors)

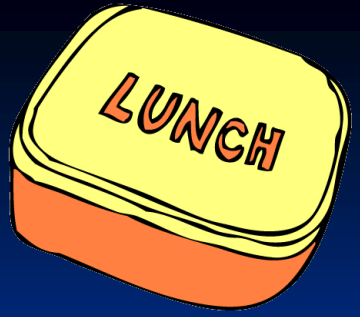
Class 1G- Wednesday (outdoors)

- No jewellery is allowed to be worn during P.E. and we advise that children should not be wearing it at all.
- Children with long hair need to have their hair tied up.
- *Outdoor PE only, as per Government guidelines: PE kits are not required at present, but trainers can be worn.*

Please ensure that all P.E. kit is clearly labelled including shoes!

School Dinners

- Halal & Vegetarian option every day.
- Choice of salads and fruit every day.
- Lunches need to be ordered in advance.



Lunch Boxes

If your child is having a packed lunch they should have their own lunch box which is clearly labelled.

Lunch should be healthy, contain food which your child likes and include a drink – not fizzy.

Please encourage your child to bring an extra bottle of water for them to drink throughout the school day. This should be labelled as well.

Head Lice

Due to the set up of our Year 1 classes, head lice can be common, mainly amongst girls.

We ask you to tie long hair back and check their hair often and take precautionary measures. For example – using tea tree oil shampoo/ using a fine tooth comb.

Where to find information.

- Newsletters
- School website
- Please come and talk to any Year 1 staff

Helping your child to read

- Try to read with your child as often possible.
- If your child can't read a particular word do not read the word for them, give them other clues instead e.g. use pictures, sound out the words.
- Join the local library and encourage your child to choose books.

Phonics

- We follow Letters and Sounds.
- We have daily phonics.
- Phonics helps the children to read and write.
- Please encourage your child to blend and segment using their phonics sounds.
- At the end of Year 1, there is going to be a phonics screening test.

Helping your child to write

- Encourage your child to write as much as possible e.g. diaries, letters etc.
- Ask your child to sound out words when they write. Don't worry too much at this stage about your child always writing the correct spellings.
- Encourage your child to write about anything they are interested in.

Helping your child with Maths.

- Ask your child to read numbers and shapes that they see around them e.g. on buses, in shops etc.
- Encourage your child to recognise and add coins when you are out shopping.
- At home encourage your child to count and take away, using practical and hands on activities.