

Welcome  
to  
Year 1

# Meet the Staff

## Scott Class:

- Mrs Slow
- Miss Apps
- Mrs Clover

## Redgrave Class:

- Miss Reid
- Mrs Seymour
- Mr Amos

# Class Rules

- ▶ We work hard, always trying our best
- ▶ We are kind, helpful and sharing
- ▶ We listen to each other and our teachers
- ▶ We put our hands up when we want to speak
- ▶ We look after each other and our property
- ▶ We play together and have fun
- ▶ We are polite and speak nicely to one another

# Behaviour

Our class rules are closely linked to our school ethos and our School Values; PRIDE

Positivity, Respect, Independence, Determination and Excellence

REWARD systems:

- Stickers and raffle tickets for good work and behaviour
- Celebration assembly and certificates for achievements

# Timetable

- ▶ Registration - Short early morning task
- ▶ Assembly
- ▶ Maths
- ▶ Snack and playtime
- ▶ Phonics
- ▶ Literacy
- ▶ Lunch and playtime
- ▶ Registration - Number fluency boost
- ▶ Topic - science, art, history, geography, RE, computing
- ▶ Story and home time

# Homework

- ▶ Blue Homework folders, starting after half term.
- ▶ Given out on Friday and collected the following Tuesday.
- ▶ This will usually involve a task related to maths or literacy.
- ▶ Please complete homework tasks using writing pencils, NOT biro or felt pen.

# Supporting Phonics or Spelling At Home

- ▶ Please continue to support your child's progress in Spelling and Phonics.
- ▶ We will send home lists of high frequency words, please practise **reading and writing** these accurately with your child.
- ▶ Please also practice phonics sounds with your child, identifying these in different contexts and playing word games.
- ▶ We will send home lists of sounds your child should be familiar with to support this.

# Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

- ▶ This is a government assessment to collect data nationally on the children's progress in phonics and the impact it has on their reading ability.
- ▶ Carried out in June by a member of school staff who is known/familiar to your child.
- ▶ Can be undertaken at whatever pace best suits your child - we want them to succeed, we are not trying to catch anyone out or set them up to fail.
- ▶ Pass mark has been 32/40 words (real and nonsense) but may change.
- ▶ Any children who do not pass in Year 1 have the opportunity to repeat in Year 2.



# Reading

## ▶ In school:

- ▶ Individual/group reading during the school day.
- ▶ Incidental reading during lesson time.
- ▶ Story Time - daily exposure to good quality texts.

## ▶ At Home:

- ▶ We will send home a school reading book for your child to read to you. These are suited to your child's reading ability and will be changed 3 times each week (Mon, Wed, Fri) as long as you have indicated in the contact book that it has been read.
- ▶ Buster's Book Club - New book mark termly, please fill in each WEDNESDAY night.

## P.E.

# Our P.E. sessions are Wednesday and Friday

- Kit should be in school at all times.
- This should include T-shirt / shorts / plimsolls/trainers/tracksuit trousers/jumper.
- Spare socks would be helpful.
- Earrings must be removed and hair tied back.
- Please ensure that ALL P.E. equipment is clearly named.

# Water bottles

- ▶ It is important for children to keep hydrated in order to concentrate and participate fully in their learning.
- ▶ We expect that all children will come to school with a named water bottle which they will have available throughout the day.
- ▶ It is extremely important that this contains **WATER ONLY**, not squash or fruit juice.

So what's coming up.....

**Our topic this term is: Incredible Me!**

- Our homes
- Our village
- Our community

**Science:**

- Ourselves and our bodies
- Our 5 senses
- Seasonal changes - Autumn

# Reporting to parents

- ▶ We have a number of opportunities for reporting concerns or achievements throughout the year:
- ▶ Meet the Teacher
- ▶ Parent's Evenings x2
- ▶ Written End of Year reports

We are always available for a quick chat about any concerns at the end of the day. If you feel you need longer to discuss any issues, please arrange an appointment with the office.

# How you can help at school?

## ▶ **Join the PTA**

- ▶ Joining our team of parent helpers to support reading, English and maths throughout the school
- ▶ Volunteer to escort children on school trips
- ▶ Please inform us if there are any changes to your child's pick up arrangements at the end of the day by leaving a little note in the contact book.

# Contacting Us

- ▶ We are always happy to discuss any concerns you have either by an informal chat or a longer meeting.
- ▶ You may contact your child's class teacher through email via [Office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk](mailto:Office@staplehurst.kent.sch.uk) - just put the teacher's name in the subject box at the top
- ▶ Most of all we want to celebrate your child's successes with you!