



Round Hill Primary School
'Dream, believe, achieve together'

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Key Stage One Information

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you have had an enjoyable time over the summer and you are now ready to start the new school year, so welcome to Key Stage One! The team are looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year.

The Key Stage One Team

Transition from Reception to Year 1

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Early Years to Key Stage One. The Year One curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day, and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners.

Phonics

In Key Stage One, we place a huge emphasis on the importance of children learning to read using a phonics-based approach. We use a highly structured and supportive scheme called Bug Club Phonics which provides children with the skills they need to develop their phonic knowledge and succeed in early reading and writing.

Topic

In Key Stage One, there will be an exciting range of lively and interactive topics. This cross-curricular approach to learning is valuable in enhancing children's thinking skills and developing confident learners who have the ability to make connections between subjects. For the first term, our topic will be 'All About Me!'. Please see the topic web for more information.

Reading

At Round Hill, we use a reading scheme called Bug Club. Bug Club is a finely-levelled reading scheme which ensures that all children read books at exactly the right level for them. Within each level, there is a carefully planned progression of books which gives children plenty of opportunity to develop their reading skills and master each fine step while moving through the reading programme.

Your child will receive four new reading books per week, which include two eBooks and two printed books. More information about the readings books can be found in the letter regarding our reading programme (this will be sent out in due course).

Please use the planner to make any comments about your child's reading. We would also encourage parents to sign and date the planner to show when your child has read. **Please ensure that their reading books and planner are in school every day.**

Parental involvement will have a positive effect on the development of your child's reading. Therefore, it is important that you read with your child on a regular basis and ask them questions about the text to develop their comprehension skills. In the children's planners there is a copy of the 'high frequency word' and 'tricky word' list for Year One and Year Two. It would be fantastic for your child to practice reading and spelling these words at home.

Mathematics

We use a mastery approach to teach maths at Round Hill and use the Maths No Problem scheme to support this. Our main focus for the first half term will be reinforcing and developing your child's knowledge and understanding of number, counting and place value.

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