



## **Key Stage 1 Information – September 2023**

### **Transition from EYFS to Year 1**

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Early Years to Key Stage 1. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in EYFS. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day. The children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners.

### **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 will follow.

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

### **Phonics**

In Key Stage 1, 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 1, 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 'The Great Fire of London'. A topic web will follow during the Autumn Term.

### **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.

### **Daily items**

Please ensure that your child brings their book bag, reading book/reading record and water bottle to school every day. If your child's class has been notified that they will be visiting the Wild Area during the half term, then please ensure that your child has a full Wild Area kit in school. Your child's class teacher will send the kits home at the end of every half term.

**To avoid any items being mislaid, please can we kindly ask that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.**

### **Show and Tell**

Every Friday, one child will receive a 'Show & Tell' box. The children have an opportunity to choose two items to put in the bag, which they will then talk about and share with the rest of the class. Items might include certificates, photographs, homemade objects and personal possessions. Please avoid sending in more than two items due to time restrictions.



### **Wild Area**

The Key Stage One children will be visiting the 'Wild Area' during the Autumn Term. Please ensure that your child has appropriate waterproof clothing and footwear available in school.

Items should include:

- Wellington boots
- Waterproof coat and trousers
- A long sleeved top
- Warm hat and gloves for colder temperatures

### **P.E**

On the day of your child's P.E lesson, please ensure that they arrive at school wearing their outdoor P.E kit (including trainers). Your child's class teacher will inform you of which day your child has their P.E lesson on.

### **School Clubs**

There will be a range of after school clubs available for both Year 1 and Year 2 children during the school year. More information regarding the clubs will be provided in due course.

### **Homework**

Every half term, your child will receive a 'homework bingo sheet' which will be stuck in their homework books. Your child will have six optional homework tasks linked to the learning in school and they are encouraged to complete these in any order over the half term. For those children who complete some or all of the homework tasks, they will receive a certificate at the end of the half term.

The school has also subscribed to some fantastic online resources including Times Table Rock Stars, NumBots, MyMaths and Purple Mash. We will be using these online programmes to set optional weekly tasks. More information regarding these programmes will be sent out to parents in due course.

### **Key Stage One Rewards**

Every week, the children will be aiming to collect five coloured petals for each of the school's values. The values are: Daring, Persevering, Dreaming, Reflecting and Together. If your child receives three values, then they will receive their bronze sticker. If they receive four values, then they will receive their silver sticker and for five values they will receive their gold sticker.

As well as the school values, the children will also have an opportunity to receive the 'Wonderful Wildlife' award every Friday. The recipient will receive the class teddy and a weekend diary to document their adventures. We ask that the teddy and the diary are returned by the following Tuesday, so that the children have an opportunity to share their news.

### **Communication**

Communication between home and school is very important to us so please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. You can contact your child's class teacher via the reading record or by sending a message via the school office, [office@roundhill.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@roundhill.notts.sch.uk) We will be continuing to use ClassDojo and connecting with parents using the class stories, messaging service and photos/videos. Please note that any changes to your child's end-of-the-day pick up should be notified through the school office.