



# Birch Class

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Key Stage 1



## Autumn Newsletter 2019

Teacher - Mr Smith

Teaching Assistant - Mrs Mills

## Welcome to Year 1!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to Year 1!! We are both really looking forward to a year filled with lots of fun and excitement

Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any concerns at any point.

Mr Smith and Mrs Mills

## Snack

For Key Stage 1 children, snack will be provided at a cost of £1.50 per week.

This is to be paid on a **Monday morning** in a labelled envelope. Money will **NOT** be accepted later in the week, payments must be made on a **Monday** for the duration of the week.

### Snack will include:

- A piece of fruit
- A biscuit
- A drink (milk or juice)

## Coming into school

As we start Year 1, the children are asked to line up on the playground and say goodbye to their grown ups before being taken into school by their classroom staff.

Please can I remind you that for safeguarding reasons, parents are not encouraged to come into school when dropping off their children.

If you need to speak to either of us, please try and catch us on the playground in a morning or make an appointment after school where possible.

## School Uniform

As I'm sure you are aware, various items of clothing go missing very easily! Please ensure ALL clothing is named, including PE kits.

Uniform consists of white shirt, school tie, grey trousers or skirt. Blue school jumper or cardigan, black school shoes.

# Reading

Please ensure that reading books are sent in each day. Can I take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of regular reading at home. It is recommended that children read each day, whether this be their school reading book or otherwise. Reading is so important and helps us with everything we do in life.

## Topic - London and the Great Fire.

We will be learning about London, thinking about where it is and its landmarks but more importantly, we will be finding out all about the Great Fire!

## Phonics

Phonics is a very important part of Year 1. Phonics will be taught daily and will greatly impact the children's reading and progress.

## Science

In Science our first topic is Everyday Materials. We will be exploring lots of different materials, their uses and learning about their properties.

## English

In English we begin by looking at lists, labels and captions before linking our English work with our topic 'London and the Great Fire'

## PE

Our PE slots will be on a Tuesday afternoon. PE kits **MUST** be in school at all times as this is subject to change. Please ensure that all items of PE kit are labelled, including shoes!

## Maths

Our first maths topic is 'Numbers to 10' focusing on place value. We will also regularly practice counting in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's and number bonds to 10.

## Computing

We will begin by developing our typing skills and learning how to navigate a computer/laptop.