

Colouring Books

Please could you provide your child with a colouring book that will be kept in their tray for wet playtimes.

PE Lessons

PE Kit required - black shorts, white T-shirt, socks and trainers plus joggers and sweatshirt for colder days.

PE lessons for all Year 1 classes are on a Wednesday.

In order to make things easier for you and your child, we request that PE kit is named and is brought into school in a named bag.

Outdoor Learning

As in Reception, wellies are kept in school for outdoor learning. Please could your child bring in a named pair during the first week of term. Can we also ask that your child has a suitable waterproof coat at all times because we use the outdoor area in all weathers.

Swimming

Kit required - Swimming costume / trunks, a towel and a named swimming cap (these can be purchased from the school office if your child doesn't already own one).

Jewellery is not permitted at school but if stud earrings are worn these must be removed for swimming days.

- Miss Horsepool— Thursday 9.00-10.30am
- Mrs Bramley—Tuesday 9.00-10.30am
- Mrs Boscher—Friday 9.00-10.30am

Please note that the school pool is only open until October half term and then will re-open again after Easter.

If you are available to help with your child's swimming lesson then please let their class teacher know.

Year 1 is an exciting year for the children and we hope that they will really enjoy their time with us. We place great emphasis on the importance of building a good working relationship with you as parents and look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

If at any time you have concerns or questions please feel free to come and speak to any of us.

Miss Horsepool

Mrs Boscher

Mrs Bramley



Information for Year 1 parents

A warm welcome to Year 1 where we hope your child will have a happy and successful year.

One of our aims during the first few weeks is to ensure that the children have a smooth and happy transition from Reception into Key Stage 1. We are very aware that there are new routines for the children to get used to and that it may take some time for them to become familiar with the different ways of working.

We hope the following information will be useful in helping you to explain the new routines to your child.

Daily Routines

- ◆ Whilst the school day does not begin until 8.55am, in Reception the doors are opened from 8.45am to allow those children who require additional time to settle to come in a few minutes early. In Year 1, children may be left in the playground from 8.45am when the teacher on duty comes out.
- ◆ All Year 1 and 2 children line up at the main infant entrance (in front of the climbing frame) at 8.55am when the teacher on duty opens the door. We would ask for your support in encouraging your child to say goodbye to you in the playground and come into school independently.
- At the end of the day we accompany the children out to the playground (Miss Horsepool's class are released from their classroom door) to meet whoever is collecting them. Children must remain with the teacher until the adult arrives to collect them.
- ◆ Book bags are kept in the children's trays and we encourage them to take responsibility for handing things in. Children are given time to change their reading books themselves during the school day.
- ◆ At the beginning of the day the children put their break time fruit and water bottles in a specific box in their classroom. (Please note that the fruit needs to be provided by you as it is no longer supplied by school). We would be very grateful if you would label their fruit and water bottles as this saves any confusion or upset at break time.
- ◆ Could we please ask that toys are not brought into school. Children will have the chance to be Star of the Week when they are invited to bring in things from home. More information will be sent about this.

Classroom Routines

Sticker Books

As part of our reward system the children are awarded stickers for extra effort, good work, good manners, behaviour etc. These are collected in their sticker books, so they can gain the satisfaction of seeing their book fill up. Once a sticker book is completed it is shown to Mrs Mason and can then be taken home.

Reading Books

Encouraging your child to regularly read a range of books from both home and school is the most valuable activity that you can do to help your child at this stage in their education.

Children read with their class teacher, learning support assistant or volunteer parents on a regular basis on a 1:1 or in guided reading groups.

Alongside this we also run a system using colour-banded reading books for home. Children are given the opportunity to change their books during the school day and can select 2 books at a time. It is good practice to read the same book on more than one occasion so that children have the opportunity to embed word recognition, and so please feel free to keep books at home for several days before returning them. These books are not designed to be a challenging read for the children; the main aim is to provide a fun and interesting experience to promote the enjoyment of reading. Your child will bring home a reading record book detailing which colour band your child will be reading from. Please note that we will not be writing notes about reading in school in these reading records. Please feel free to write any comments that you think may be useful about your child's reading at home.

Home-School Communication

We use our Year 1 blog to keep you up to date with what is going on. We will put a post on the blog each Friday giving you information about the following week so please ensure that you check the blog on a regular basis.

If you subscribe to the blog (by entering your e-mail into the subscribe box on the home page) you will automatically be sent an e-mail when something new has been posted.

The Year 1 blog can be found at <http://www.stmartinsyear1blog.edublogs.org>

If you wish to communicate with your child's teacher please use the relevant contact form which can be found on the blog. Alternatively we can be contacted by e-mail:

Mrs Bramley—karen.bramley@stmartins.sch.gg

Mrs Boscher—stephanie.boscher@stmartins.sch.gg

Miss Horsepool—jo.horsepool@stmartins.sch.gg

There is also the whole school blog where Mrs Mason posts newsletters and whole school information. Please also subscribe to this to make sure you don't miss anything important. www.stmartinsprimaryschool.edublogs.org