

West Pennard Church of England Primary School

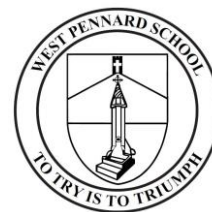


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Dear Parents and carers of children in Class 1,

I am delighted to be teaching your lovely children and look forward to getting to know them and you in this coming year. Please be assured that their welfare and learning will always be my priority.

Learning in Year 1 looks a little different from Reception and I hope that the transition weeks that have been planned will help your child to settle into new routines smoothly. It was good to see many of you last night, I hope the following is a useful reminder for you and information for those who were unable to attend.

As well as myself, there will be **Mrs Ferriday** (TA Monday to Thursday) working in Class 1. In addition, Mrs Gordon will work in Class 1 on Fridays.

Routines - The classroom is open for children to drop off their things from 8.25. They can stay inside to read if they wish or go out to play. Please do encourage your child to be as independent as possible. Taking responsibility for their possessions is important and to this end I would ask that you allow your child to organise their own belongings at the start of the day. Consequently, we do not organise or check the children's red bags etc. They are expected to empty them themselves, putting reading books in the tray to be changed, handing in notes from home etc.

Reading – books can be changed every day if they have been read at home. Please sign the reading diary to let us know that your child has indeed read! You might also like to include a comment about the lovely reading you have heard – thank you! Obviously, your child will read to adults in school frequently and so it is very important that they always have their reading book and reading diary in school.

PE – The children will be having PE on Monday and Enrichment Thursdays. Please ensure your child's PE kit is named and always in school so that we can take advantage of the (hopefully) 'Indian summer'!

Enrichment – Now that your child has entered KS1 every other Thursday they will have the joy of a day when they can experience the breadth of creative, sporting and outdoor learning. Please note on these Thursdays I will not be in class. Also, reading books cannot be changed on these days. Class 1's first Enrichment Day is on 14th September.

Learning - We will spend much of this term exploring the theme of 'Incredible Me!' This will include a period of transition to help the class adjust to life in KS1 before moving onto a theme of 'Sparkle and Shine' towards the end of term. Further details about this are attached.

Rewards – In Class 1 we have a culture of praise and celebration. Consequently, there are many ways that children can be rewarded. There are always team points, pebbles and stickers for wonderful behaviour and work.

Home Learning – There will be a piece of Home Learning sent home every Wednesday and this should be returned by the following Monday. This gives opportunity for it to be completed on a school night or over the weekend, whichever is the most convenient. Home Learning will be usually, though not exclusively, of a mathematical nature. The tasks are mainly open ended and should take around 15-20 minutes to complete though should your child want to continue after this time then this is perfectly acceptable too. More details about Home Learning are printed on the inside cover of the Home Learning Book.

Spellings – As a school we believe it is important that children spell well. To this end the children will bring home weekly spellings to learn. I'd be grateful if you could practise these with your child but not using the Spelling Book itself – thank you. Please find below a list of No No Words (i.e. words that the class are expected to spell correctly once they have learnt them as spellings) for the Autumn Term for your reference.

Purple Books – Your child will be bringing home a purple coloured book on Friday evening. This is designed to be a communication book between home and school. It is perfect for notes about a change in 3.15 pick-up arrangements or advising school about forthcoming medical appointments etc. It will also include a weekly sticker from me every Friday to share with you the learning that has taken place in the week.

Your partnership in the education of your child is greatly appreciated. Finally, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help in anyway, my door is always open to parents.

With kind regards

Mrs Dorothy Robinson

Year 1 No No words – Autumn Term

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