



Ratby Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome to Year 1

We welcome you and your child to Year 1 and hope that you will find the following information useful. However, if you have any queries or questions before this, please do not hesitate to ask. We know that things are quite different in year 1 compared to when the children were in EYFS. We will be gradually introducing them to a more structured week as they start on to the National Curriculum. Eventually the children will have full lessons and continuous provision will finish. This is quite a big change for your children, however, they are doing fantastically well at adapting to life in year 1.

The Year 1 Team

The class teachers in Year 1 are Mrs Jagger and Miss Toon (Milky Way) and Miss Bradley (Stars). The learning support assistants are Mrs Sutton (Milky Way) and Mrs Payne (Stars).

In Year 1, we like to operate a very friendly 'open door' policy. If you do have any concerns the best two ways to communicate is by using your child's Home School Diary. We are always happy to listen to and answer any questions regarding your child's schooling. Alternatively please catch us at the end of the day.

Attendance and Punctuality

Regular and punctual attendance is essential if children are to gain maximum benefit from school, therefore we ask that:

- Your child arrives at school at 8.45am every day.
- If your child is absent, please ring the school before 8.45am to explain why.
- If your child is going to be absent at a future date, please complete an absence form from the main reception.
- Children in Year 1 who arrive at school late and after the 8.55 am arrival time must enter the school through the office as the registers will have been taken.
- If your child has had sickness and/or diarrhoea, they are required to remain off school for at least 48 hours after the last episode.



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Behaviour

At Ratby Primary School we believe pupils should be rewarded both collectively and individually. Therefore, we operate two systems of reward. Individually, children can earn Class Dojo Points as well as earning House Points. We have a code of conduct known as our '**Good to be Green Rules**' derived through discussion with the children and which we expect every member of school to uphold. The '**Good to be Green**' rules have been formulated with the safety and well-being of the children in mind, and to enable the school to function efficiently as a place of learning.

Our Code of Conduct is:

- We try our best and never give up
- We listen carefully to others without interrupting.
- We are kind and helpful.
- We are always honest and tell the truth
- We keep ourselves and other safe.
- We are polite to everyone.

The '**Good to be Green**' system has a **3-tier** intervention behaviour management system in class – non-verbal signal, a verbal reminder, 1 yellow warning card, 2 yellow warning cards and a red consequence card. This ties in conveniently with the "Good to be Green" cards. Class Dojo points are awarded by a member of staff online. Children can watch as their points grow. Ultimately, the 'instant' and 'fun' nature of Dojo points is in the best interest of children. More information on our School Behaviour Policy and Anti-Bullying Policy can be downloaded on our school website.

Year 1 Curriculum

At Ratby Primary School we use Cornerstones for our curriculum. Cornerstones is a creative and thematic approach to learning that is mapped to the new 2014 Primary National Curriculum to ensure comprehensive coverage of national expectations. Our new curriculum will be delivered through Imaginative Learning Projects (ILPs) which will provide a rich menu of exciting and motivating learning activities that make creative links between all aspects of our children's learning.

Homework

Homework and Spellings in Year 1 will be set on a Monday and will need to be submitted on the following Monday. In addition to this, we ask that children read regularly at home. Reading with an adult is extremely beneficial in improving children's fluency and comprehension – we recommend at least three times a week. Please make a comment and sign when you have read with your child in their Reading Record.



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PE kits

In Year 1, we currently have one weekly PE session. Lessons will take place outside or in the school hall. The PE session in Year 1 will take place on a Wednesday. Please ensure your child arrives to school in their outdoor PE kit and with a waterproof coat on these days. Lessons will be outside where possible.

Other Information

Please also ensure that your child's book bag is brought into school every day, and that it returns with them each evening. We would like to encourage that book bags are checked on a daily basis for any notes, and that they are kept tidy.

- Children will ONLY be able to bring their own water bottle, lunchbox and the school book bag.
- We will be using cloakrooms but we endeavour for these to be as uncluttered as possible.
- Please ensure all of the children's clothing including PE kit, lunchboxes, bottles and bags are clearly labelled.

As mentioned above, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher regarding any aspect to do with your child and their schooling.

We look forward to an exciting year of learning and development.

Many Thanks,

Miss Bradley, Mrs Jagger, Miss Toon and the Year 1 Team.