

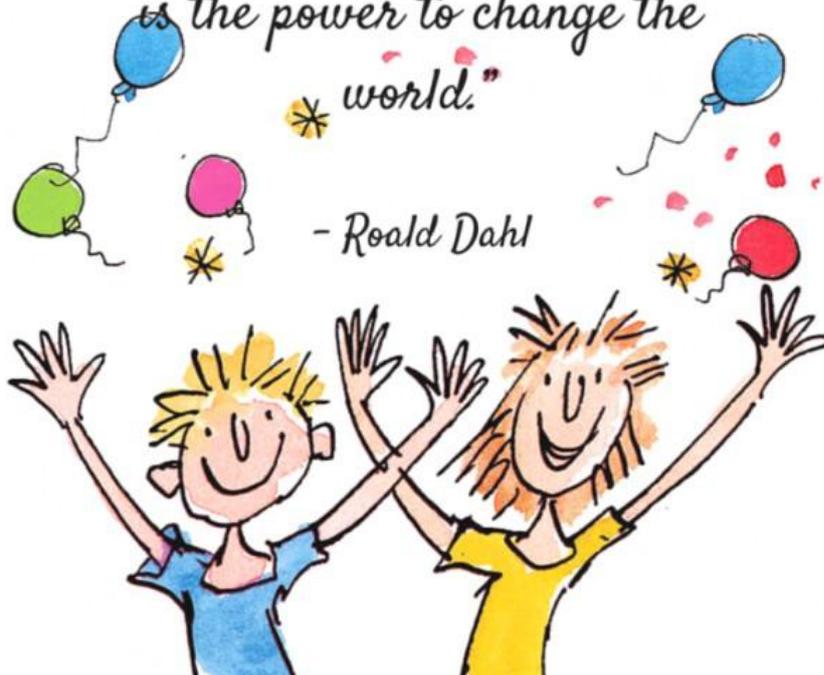


Key Stage 1 Information



*"Somewhere inside all of us
is the power to change the
world."*

- Roald Dahl



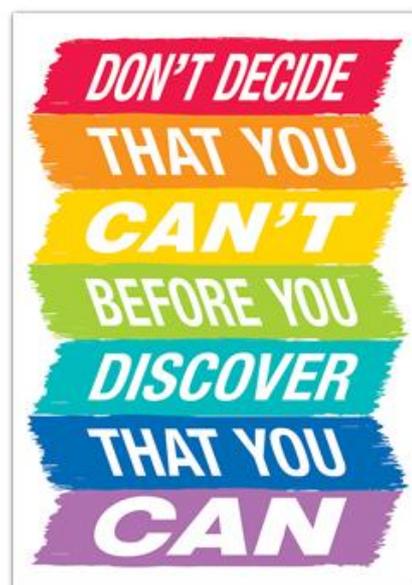
A huge welcome to all our children and families as
you join us in Key Stage 1.

Don't worry about a thing

As your child moves from Reception to Year 1 or from Year 1 to Year 2 we understand some of you may feel apprehensive about how your child will handle the change. We do our very best to ensure the transition is as happy and supportive for each child as we can, and help them settle into new routines that they enjoy and can take ownership of.

Developing the children's independence is so important in helping them to feel more secure in their new environment and it helps them to feel in control of their surroundings. Parents and carers can help with this in so many ways by encouraging your child to come into school on their own, take care of their own equipment like book bags, snack money, etc. All these little things make the children feel proud and very grown up!

If you have any concerns or questions we would always rather you share them with us. We are a welcoming school and encourage communication from parents. Class teachers are usually available to speak to parents at the end of the school day and sometimes before school if needed. Messages can also be passed on to the class teacher by the staff member on the door in a morning or from the office.



Hello from all your teachers



Classdojo has been extremely successful in helping us to keep in touch with our families and we will continue using this to support our communication between home and school.



Miss Ellis and Mr Garry are the class teachers. Year 1 are also supported by Mrs Welding, Miss Burrows, Mrs Rimmer, Miss Nield, Mrs Conlin, and Mrs Prescott.

They are all very excited to meet the Reception children.



Mrs Boydell and Miss Williams are the class teachers. Year 2 are also supported by Mrs Helsby, Miss Byron, Miss Brunskill and Mrs Cavaliere

They are all looking forward to welcoming lots of familiar faces as the Year 1 children become the oldest in their KS1 corridor.

What will our day look like in key Stage 1?

In the morning children will come across the playground and into school through the KS1 door. Then they will hang their coats up before going to class.

Break times are spent on the KS1 playground. There are playground markings to play on and if the weathers nice at dinner time we get some toys out to play with.

In Year 1 and Year 2 most mornings include:

- RWI sessions which will already be familiar to your child.
- literacy sessions looking at all kinds of wonderful, exciting books which help us develop our writing skills.
- Maths sessions exploring numbers, calculations, shapes and lots more.
- Guided reading activities with an adult and reading independently.



In the mornings the children will work in different groups to help them reinforce the skills and understanding they need at their own pace. This also helps the children develop their confidence as they make progress in small steps and feel proud of their own achievements.

In the afternoons we learn through Projects and you'll be able to find out lots more about these in the Year group information booklets. We find that learning through projects / topics really helps to capture the children's enthusiasm as they develop their knowledge and understanding through acquiring a variety of skills across all areas of their learning. It helps them make more sense of what they are learning about and why!

Where possible we organise trips or visits from outside agencies to make the learning as engaging as possible for our children and encourage them actively engage and learn from their own experiences.

We will send home curriculum newsletters to keep you updated on our projects each half term.



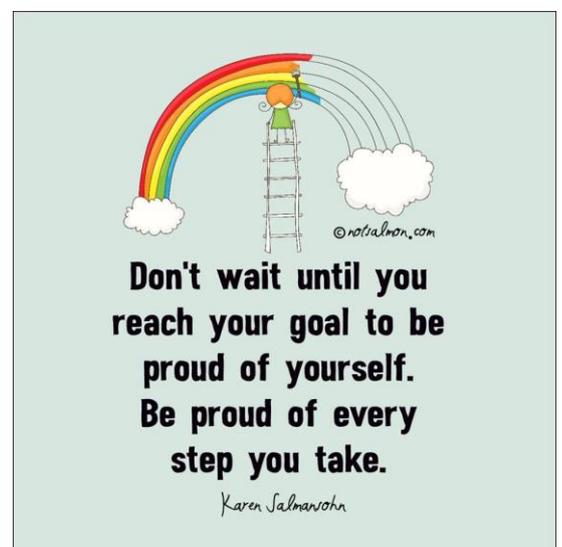
At home time the children will come out of the KS1 door and line up with their teacher. During this time we ask parents / carers to stand behind the cones to help us in directing the children to their grown up safely.

How do I know where my child is up to?

In Year 1 and Year 2 the children are set national standards to show they are working at the expected level for their age.

These expectations will be shared with you during our Autumn parents evening.

However please remember the important thing to focus on is that your child is making progress within their own skills, knowledge and understanding rather than against a set of criteria. As long as they are trying their best that's all we will ever expect.



Children are all ready at different stages and recognising their individual progress and achievements is what we value strongly.

What do I need to bring to school?

Reading



Book bags and reading records need to come to school with your child **every day** as your child will read on different days each week. Letters sent home may also be in your child's book bag so please check it with them regularly.

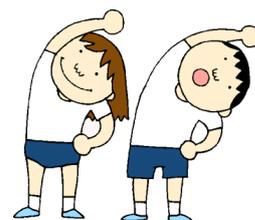
Homework



Your child will receive homework in their 'Homework Kit' (plastic school bag, file and pencil case) on a Friday night. Homework is to be returned to school in the file by Wednesday morning. Please encourage your child to look after their files and take care of their possessions, keeping all their resources together so they can use them to complete the homework activities. Children are rewarded with dojos for completing their homework and it really helps to build their confidence spending a few minutes practising skills they have developed in school that week. It's also a great way for you to see where your child is up to in their learning activities and the progress they are making.

Physical Education

All children's PE kits are kept on their own peg in the cloak room. PE kits are to be left in school and taken home at half term for washing. Please ensure their names are on every piece of kit including pumps and that their kit is always returned to their peg at the beginning of each half term.



Snack

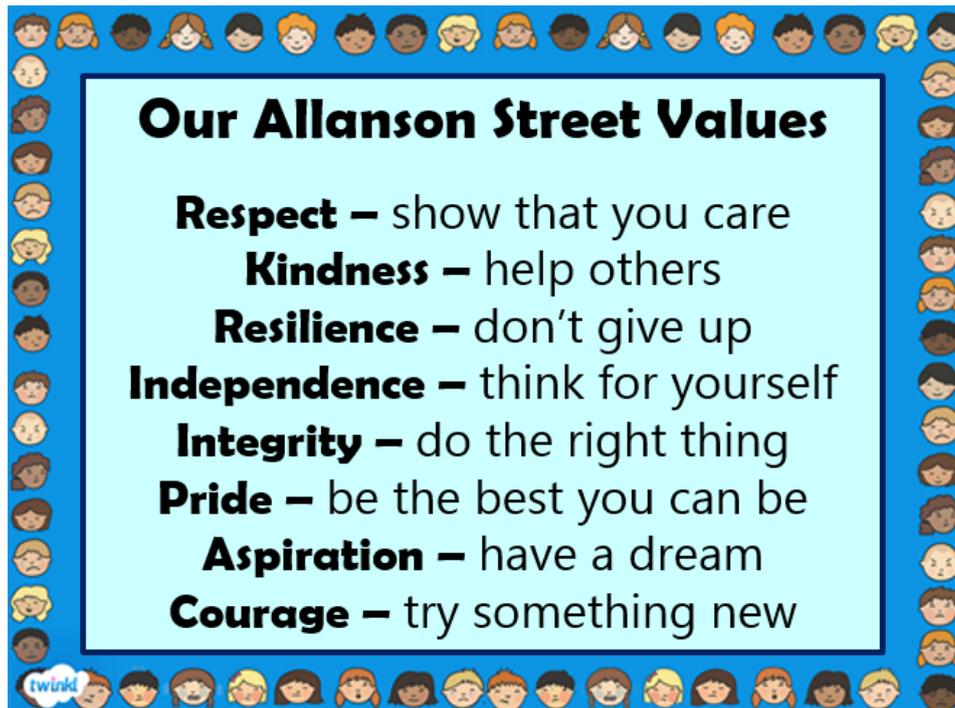
Children receive snack during their morning playtime. Snack money is £1.50 per week payable on a Monday, or in you can pay for a few weeks in advance if you prefer.

Our School Values

We encourage the children every single day to

“be the best you can be”

We reward the children with dojos for demonstrating our school values and spend a lot of time discussing together what these mean, why they are important and how we can show them.



Children are rewarded with certificates when they achieve a set number of dojos and earn Golden Time each week for their efforts.



Each class displays a 'Dojo track' so the children can see themselves visually move along getting closer to their next certificate.

Children who've earned the most dojos during the week will also get invited to the Dojo Cafe on a Friday with Mrs Dingsdale.

We also use a Traffic light system to encourage children to reflect upon the choices they can make each day. The children all begin in Green and can move up into Gold if they have tried their very best! If a child moves down into yellow or red they will be supported in reflecting on their behaviour and



the choices they could have made and why this is important.



Any concerns / issues would be shared with parents as needed to ensure we can develop a supportive home / school approach in encouraging positive behaviour choices.



More than anything we want the children to enjoy their time in KS1. Children need to feel happy and safe so they can relax and learn in a secure, nurturing environment. If there is ever anything that's an issue for your child please speak to their class teacher so we can work together to solve it.

We hope you have found this booklet useful but if there are any questions we haven't answered please send us a message on Classdojo and we will do our best to help.

Many thanks, from all the Key Stage 1 team