

Bumblebee Class



Newsletter

2023-2024

Welcome to Year 1 and 2! We hope you enjoy your time in Bumblebee Class.

The adults working with you this year

Class Teacher: Mrs Aram (Mon am, Tues all day, Wed am, Thurs am) / Mrs Cousins (Mon, Thurs and Fri pm) / Mrs Boyd (Fri am)

LSAs: Mrs Brear (Mon, Tues, Fri), Mrs Green (Weds, Thurs)

P.E: Mr Goldsmith

Year 1 Science, Year 1 and 2 Music and PSHE: Mrs Denness

If you need to contact us, please do so either on Tapestry or on our class email address:

teacher.bumblebee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk. This email is checked periodically, so if there is anything urgent, please contact the school office on office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk or 740285

Things to remember

In Y1 and Y2, children are encouraged to further develop their independence (in their learning as well as in their personal life) to ensure that they are ready to move up through the school. Please help your child to do things independently, such as get themselves ready for school, carry their own bags, and remember their reading books, water bottles and jumpers/coats.

Daily: Bring in your school bag (blue book bag or rucksack), reading book, reading record, spellings book and named water bottle. If you take part in RWI lessons, please bring in your RWI Book Bag book and your blue RWI book.

On Mondays and Wednesdays your child will need to come to school in their PE Kits.



Homework



Homework will be sent home in a green book for each half term; you will be able to complete the work set at a time that is convenient to you, and return it by the deadline. In addition, you are expected to read your reading book, or any other book, as often as you can (preferably every day if possible!). This will help to improve not only your reading but your writing too!



Spellings - Year 2



You will have a spellings book with your own spellings in. We will have a spelling lesson most days, and you will have new words to learn or a spelling pattern to investigate (sometimes these will be high frequency words or topic words and sometimes they will follow a specific spelling pattern that we are focusing on in our spelling lessons). These will be assessed or form part of a discussion on Thursdays. We will be practising these every day in class but you also need to practise as much as possible at home (e.g. 5 minutes every day at home or while travelling to and from school).

Please keep your Spellings Book in your bag so you can use it at home and at school.

Reading



Children are encouraged to independently change their reading books by giving them in on a Monday or a Thursday. Reading for pleasure is a big focus: what do you enjoy about your book and why? Would you recommend it to others? If so, why? If not, why not? Comprehension is also really important. When you are reading your book, make sure that you talk about what is happening, who the characters are, how they are feeling, what information the text is telling you, what type of book it is, how did it make you feel, is it funny/sad/exciting and so on.

Please ensure that your reading record is signed. Even if you can read fluently, it is important to read and to listen to books with someone else; for example, you can read to a family member or friend or they can read to you. Sharing books is fun!



Rewards, sanctions and Golden Worship



We have worked together to draw up a class charter based on rules, rights and responsibilities. We will continue to have Golden Worship on Friday mornings at 8.35am, during which we celebrate achievements and progress in and out of school. Parents/carers and grandparents are welcome to join us for this. You will receive a text message letting you know when your child is in the Golden Book.

Topics



We will have different topics each half term. A Topic Web will be sent out at the beginning of every half term that explains what we will be learning and the subjects that will be focused on for that particular topic.

Information for parents: Year 2 tests and Y1 phonics screening

There are no longer statutory tests in Year 2.

Y1: Your child will be taking part in the Y1 Phonics Screening Check in June, in which they read real and nonsense words with a familiar teacher. There is no pressure during this process, and the activity is very similar to what we do every day in ReadWriteInc. Further information will follow about this in due course.

Y2: If your child didn't meet the required level in Y1 Phonics Screening Check, then they will retake it in June. Further support for your child will be provided throughout the year.



Attendance



At Brighstone we expect all children to have a minimum attendance of 96.5% and to start the school day punctually. This is key to ensure that you don't miss any important schooling – lessons start as soon as school starts at 8.30am! If by any chance you are late, please go to the main school office where they will be registered. Many thanks.



Parents' Evenings



We hold three parents' evenings throughout the year. The date for this term is Tuesday 21st November 3.15pm-6pm. Spring term is Tuesday 5th March 3.15pm-6pm. Summer term is Tuesday 16th July 3.15pm-6pm.