

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## **Year 1 & 2 Information Letter**

Welcome to Year 1 and 2.

We are really looking forward to teaching your child this year and would like to give you some key information that may be useful to know.

This year's classes are:

**Ash -** Teacher: Mr Sampson  
Teaching Assistant: Miss Wessely

**Bay -** Teacher: Miss James  
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Shipton

**Beech -** Teachers: Miss Pepper and Mrs Roberts  
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Miller and Mrs Derham

### **Home – school communication**

#### **Class Dojo:**

Throughout the year, we will use Class Dojo to share information, messages and photographs about the Year 1 and 2 classes,

#### **Class emails:**

If you would like to send a message to your class teacher, you can send an email to the class email address. These email boxes will be checked 2/3 times per week.

These emails are:

[ash@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:ash@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk)

[bay@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:bay@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk)

[beech@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:beech@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk)

#### **Urgent messages:**

If you have any emergencies or queries that need responding to the same day, please contact the school office by email or phone. Please also contact the office if your child is absent or unwell.

Headteacher : Mr Paul Beveridge  
Sandford, Nr. Wareham, Dorset, BH20 7BN  
**Tel:** 01929 552949, **E-mail:** office@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk

## **Home Learning**

Home learning in Year 1 and 2 will continue to focus on Phonics and reading.

### **Phonics:**

As children are introduced to new sounds and written codes, they will complete sheets in school that will be sent home in their phonics folders. Most weeks, there will be 2 new sheets in the folders.

We would like you to check for these new sheets and spend time with your child to go through the word banks on their most recent phonics sheet, segmenting each word and blending these sounds in order to read the word aloud.

On the back of the phonics sheets, the children might like to practise the spellings of these words and/or write some sentences that contain some of the focus words.

### **Home Reading:**

We expect all children to be regularly reading at home throughout the year. The more reading they complete at home, the better. A 'little and often' approach is a good system to follow, with a minimum of 3 times per week being our expectation of what you can do to support your child's reading.

Our school uses the BoomReader app to record and track reading done with your child. To log the reads you do at home, you can simply log the title, pages and date of each reading session; or use it to record notes on your child's decoding and comprehension too. Another feature of BoomReader is that children can begin to log their own independent reading! However, it is vital that you hear them read so that you can support with decoding, tricky/unfamiliar vocabulary and have discussions to build the comprehension of the texts they read.

In terms of changing reading books, there are no set days. We are continuously listening to them read, checking their decoding, blending and fluency skills to ensure they are developing the breadth of reading skills. Therefore, books will be changed on an individual basis when we feel they are ready.

### **Maths:**

We use the Numbots app that your child can access at any point throughout the year to consolidate the learning they do at school. The Year 1 logins will be sent home once we have introduced them to how to use the app.

For Year 2 children, we will also use the Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) website to practice recall of the Times Tables facts.

## **PE Days**

PE Days for Year 1 and 2 are **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS**. Children should come in dressed in their correct PE kit on these days. The school PE uniform consists of the following:

- White, round necked t-shirt (school logo) or a plain alternative
- Black shorts
- Trainers
- Children may wear black tracksuit bottoms/leggings and a black plain sweatshirt or hoodie as the weather gets cooler
- No large logos/brands/football tops or bright colours please (small, discrete logos are permissible)

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL UNIFORM/KIT HAS YOUR CHILD'S NAME WRITTEN INSIDE.

## **Curriculum**

As well as daily Maths, Phonics and English lessons, children will receive a broad and balanced curriculum that encompasses all curriculum areas. Please keep an eye on our Class Dojo for messages and information throughout the year regarding current topics of study / focus.

## **Open afternoon to meet the teacher**

There is an informal drop-in session on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September from 3:05 – 4:15**. There will be no new information at this session, it is just an opportunity to say hello, share any information about your child / family that you need us to know and to ask us any questions. There is no need to make an appointment, just simply turn up within the allotted time.

Kind regards

Miss James, Mr Sampson, Miss Pepper, Mrs Roberts