



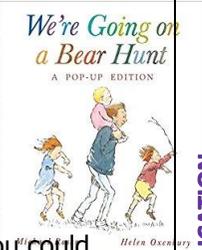
QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

YEAR 1 TERMLY NEWSLETTER: AUTUMN TERM 2018

WELCOME TO YEAR 1!

It is great to see that all the children have settled into their new class routines and are enjoying learning. We hope that your child is looking forward to a rewarding and successful year. Year 1 is full of exciting activities themes and trips! We would like to share with you some information about what your child will be learning over the Autumn Term, as well as offering you opportunities to support your child's understanding of subjects studied. This newsletter will also help you to plan ahead by giving you key dates before they are printed in the Purple Post, such as class assemblies and trips.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS	<p>We expect a high standard of behaviour from all children which is monitored by all staff in the academy. The Behaviour Policy (which can be found on our website) explains the academy rules, rewards and sanctions in detail.</p>	UNIFORM	<p>Uniform is the same for Years 1-3. All pupils must wear correct uniform, including acceptable footwear. A letter will be sent home with pupils who have missing or incorrect uniform.</p>	START OF DAY ACTIVITY	<p>This term we are having a focus on handwriting during SODA time. (8.45-9.00am)</p> <p>During this time your child will have the opportunity to practise and improve their handwriting.</p> 
	<p>Every week we have a celebration assembly where achievements are shared and certificates are awarded (including Star of the Week and House Points certificates).</p> <p>Unacceptable behaviour, both in and out of the classroom, will be dealt with firmly but fairly according to the academy's Behaviour Policy. You will be informed of any major incidences, or if your child's behaviour results in two or more detentions within a period of two weeks.</p>		<p>Please refer to the Uniform Policy on our website for further information, including PE kit. If you require academy uniform, all items can be purchased from the academy office.</p> 	ARRIVE ON TIME	<p>For the first 15 minutes of every day (after registration) the focus will be handwriting exercises and skills. If your child arrives late they will miss this vital part of the school day. Therefore, it is important that your child arrives on time (by 8:55am) every day.</p> 

YEAR 1 CURRICULUM	<p>English This term we will be focussing on stories about families and stories which have familiar settings such as the park or home. We will build on the sentence work which the children started in foundation stage.</p> 	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	<p>Our PE days this term are Wednesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor). PE is part of our academy curriculum and we expect all children to bring a full PE kit to school so that they can take part in their indoor and outdoor PE sessions. PE kit can be left on your child's peg in their classroom.</p> <p>All jewellery must be removed. Earrings need to be removed on the day of PE or the child must be able to remove these themselves before the lesson.</p> <p>Please make sure your child has a warm hoody/top for outdoor PE, especially when the weather gets a little bit colder.</p>	QUEENSMEAD QUESTS	<p>Queensmead Quests will continue to be given out once per half term with your child's homework book. The aim is to provide a range of challenges for your child to choose from. We would be grateful if you can support and encourage them. If your child experiences any difficulties with the homework, we encourage them to come and see their class teacher for more support.</p> <p>Your child will receive a pink homework book to complete the activities in or they can add photographs or pictures to this book to show us their amazing work from home!</p>
	<p>Mathematics We will be focusing on Number this term. We would be grateful if you could practise counting forwards and backwards with your child regularly.</p> <p>Theme In the first part of the Autumn Term our theme is 'Street Detectives'. This theme focuses on our local area and geography. We also look at our homes and the countries the UK is made of.</p> <p>In the second half of the Autumn Term our theme will be 'Time Travellers' where we focus on History and the Victorians'. We will be organising a visit to Beaumanor Hall to experience a day in the life of a Victorian child.</p> <p>Science In Science this term we will be finding out all about the human body and our amazing senses.</p> <p>Music During the first half of the Autumn term we will be learning lots of songs about our brilliant bodies. In the second half of the Autumn term we focus on songs and music linked to the Nativity.</p>		<p>READING</p> <p>In year 1 we expect children to be reading for at least 10 minutes daily. It would be really beneficial if you could listen to your child read and discuss their book regularly to support their understanding. Your child's books will be changed once they have read them at least twice at home with an adult. Please record any reading you do in your child's reading diary. This can be books from home too or magazines etc.</p>		TRIPS
<p>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 20th September- 3.20- 4pm Maths with Parents session 25th September- 2.45-3.15pm Maths with Parents session 9th and 11th October- Parents evening 22nd October- Half term 29th October- Return to school</p>		<p>If you have any problem or concern – who do you ask?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Teachers – Miss Onions & Mrs Kendrick (Mini Grey), or Mrs Sorg-Malyon (Eric Carle) • KS1 Leader of Learning – Miss Onions • Deputy Principal- Mrs Bentley • Principal – Mrs Latham <p>Thanks on behalf of the Year 1 team.</p>			