



Welcome to Year 1. We are looking forward to getting to know our new classes.

For your information:

Please arrive at school by 8:50 am as the classroom door will be closed at 9 am. Children will settle in and start their day with an activity set out for them. After 9am, you will need to take your child to the office to sign in and your child will be recorded as 'late'. Good attendance is important for your child's learning and you should aim for at least 96% attendance. Please ensure you bring your child to school on time every day. Year 1 will finish school at 3.30pm. Please remember only a person over 16 years old should collect your child. If your child requires medication, it can be administered at school so that your child doesn't stay at home. If you need to speak to the teacher, please make an appointment with them as they may not be available straightaway.

Ensure your child knows, understands and follow our school rules:

1. Work hard and always try your best.
2. Be kind and respectful to everyone.
3. Do as you are asked straight away.
4. Take care of our school and all the things in it.



On PE days, children should remove all jewellery before school and make sure long hair is tied back. School staff cannot remove earrings. The school cannot be responsible for looking after jewellery removed for PE.

The PE day for Year 1 children is Wednesday and Thursday



Children should come in uniform with your child's PE kit in a bag to get changed at school. Please ensure items of clothing are named. PE kit should be blue, grey, white or black. Football shirts are not allowed.

Please make sure your child has a water bottle (labelled with their name) as it is important that they are able to drink water whenever they are thirsty in school. No juice is allowed. These can be bought from the school office.



Remember, children should bring their reading bags to school every day, this can be purchased from the school office if you need one. Please aim to read at home with your child at least three times a week – even more is even better! This doesn't mean you have to read the whole book– just a page or 2 will be fine. Ask your child questions– you will find these in your child's book at the back. Sign/write in your child's diary so teachers can see their progress at home. The children will bring two books home each week; Little Wandle book in a wallet and another reading book. Please keep the Little Wandle books in their wallets. In addition to this, children will be able to choose a Fun Book each Friday that they can swap every week. Please encourage your child look after all the books.



Little Wandle
book in a wallet

This term's work will include:

English:

- This term we will be studying a range of books that link with our topics. These will include: 'But Martin!' by June Counsel and 'It's OK to be Different' by Todd Parr in the first half term, and 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers and 'Iris and Isaac' by Catherine Rayner.



But Martin! is about a group of children who meet Martin, a Martian, on their first day back at school. We are sure the children will love to tell you the story! The children will be looking at and describing themselves and their friends and thinking about what they like and what they are good at.

Phonics: The school is using phonics scheme called 'Little Wandle' to support children's early reading. The children will be having regularly sessions throughout the week to practice new sounds. To help support your child's reading, books carefully matched to the sounds being taught that week will be sent home. Please make sure you listen to your child read and return this book by Thursday.

The children will be given another book to read for pleasure which they can keep over the weekend. There are resources and information available on the school website which can be found at: [Phonics | Berridge Primary School](#)



Maths: This term we will be counting, reading and writing numbers first to 10, then to 20. We will learn to speak confidently about number using accurate vocabulary and will explain our thinking in maths using full sentences. We will use different resources to represent the numbers and will do lots of activities and investigations. We will also be learning about 2D and 3D shapes – identifying them and describing their properties.

Topics for this term:

- Our topic this half term is 'Why Am I Special?'. We will be thinking first about ourselves and our bodies, then our families. We will identify and name different parts of our bodies, describe ourselves and learn about our five senses. We will think about things about ourselves that make us special and unique. As we will be tasting food, please let us know if your child/ren have any allergies.
- Next half term our topic will be about 'What is it like to live in a cold country?' and we will learn about the cold areas of the world using maps and globes. We will study animals that live in cold places.
- Knowledge organisers tell you and your child about key words, facts and information about the topics we are learning. There are websites and/or QR codes to use with your child and find out more information together.

PSHE:

- Our topic is 'Mental Health' which will involve learning about and managing different types of feelings and handling change and loss.
- Next half term we will learn about keeping safe in familiar situations, personal safety and who keeps us safe outside the home.



For our reward system, we use 'dojos.' This means each child has a digital character and they will get a dojo (point) for good behaviour and will lose a dojo for behaviour issues. If a child gets 10 points by Friday, they get a reward.



Berridge School is communicating online with our parents. The parents will need to download Arbor app to pay for trips and book parents evening. All newsletters and reminders will be sent by email.



This is the website and QR code for ordering milk: <https://coolmilk.com/>



The school website has additional support available:

- It can be found at <https://www.berridgeprimary.com/school-curriculum/>
- There are White Rose maths booklets available for each year group on www.whiteroseeducation.com

The Parents Evening date is **Wednesday 1st October** in which you will find out about how your child is settling in.

We are so happy to have the children back in school!

Thank you,

Mrs Iqbal, Miss McClaren and Miss Hannon – Birch class

Miss Gregg, Miss Blair and Miss Lamb. – Birch class

Mr Sawyer, Mrs Ballinger, Mrs Howard and Mrs Bittar – Hazel class.