

Year One Bees

9th September 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have had a fantastic first few days with the children in Bees and we could not have done it without your understanding and support. All the Year One children have settled in extremely well and the transition has felt seamless! A big thank you for all your cooperation and patience this week as we have greeted the new children.

Over the last few days in Bees we have been getting to know each other. Next week we will introduce a more structured timetable, which will include English, Phonics, Maths, R.E., Science, Computing, History/ Geography, Art/ Design and Technology, Music and PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education).

Please find below some general information about Bees and its day-to-day routines.

Bees Staff

There are two other members of staff in Bees. Miss Graham is a teaching assistant with six years of experience in Early Years, who will be working with the children fulltime. Mrs Hey is an equally experienced higher-level teaching assistant, who will be teaching the class on Wednesday mornings when I am occupied with planning and assessment.

Uniform

We ask that all items of uniform and personal possessions (especially cardigans and jumpers, water bottles and book bags) are clearly labelled with your child's name. This will enable us to make sure that any lost clothing or items are returned to the owners as quickly as possible.

P.E.

P.E. will take place every **Monday and Wednesday** in the hall or outside. Please ensure your child comes into school on these days wearing their P.E. kit. The kit consists of a white t-shirt and black shorts, with the option of a red hooded top and black jogging bottoms for cooler weather. These items should be as plain as possible, without logos (other than the Kirk Fenton logo) and clearly labelled with your child's name. Trainers should be black.

Behaviour

In Reception we use a daily chart to encourage and celebrate positive behaviour in class, particularly in the areas of good manners, listening and effort. During carpet time at the end of each day, we talk about the good behaviour of children on the chart and hand out stickers as a reward. A certificate is awarded to those children who have gone 'above and beyond' by demonstrating outstanding behaviour throughout the day.

We also have a whole-school team point system. This consists of four teams: Blue Mustangs, Green Gladiators, Orange Spitfires and Purple Typhoons. Each child is allocated a team (those with older siblings have been placed in the same team as their sibling). Every time the child works hard, or does something special they will be given a team point. These points are then counted up at the end of the week and the winning team is awarded a trophy during our Good Work Assembly (see below for further information).

Numbots

Please continue using Numbots at home, as the impact on the children's maths skills has been amazing. We will continue to give out one Numbots certificate every week during our Good Work Assembly for the children that put in the most effort. If you need support logging on please let me know and I can resend you your child's login details.

Good Work Assemblies

Every Friday the children take part in a whole school assembly which celebrates pupils who have worked particularly hard or made good progress in their learning. Every week a child is chosen from each class to receive a certificate in recognition of their efforts and their achievements.

Reading Books

We will continue to change your child's reading book every Friday. On Fridays we will also be taking our class to the school library. They will be given the opportunity to choose one book for the week. Please ensure these are brought back to school the following Friday, along with their reading book, so they can be changed.

Marvellous Me App

We will continue to use this app to send messages, notifications, reminders and feedback. If you have any questions about Marvellous Me, please do ask.

Photos

We have two displays in our classroom, one about families and one about the seasons. We would love to have some photos of your family to go on our family display, along with any summery photos you may have taken during the holidays for our season display. You can bring photos into school or email them to the following address:

eyfsobservations@kf.starmat.uk

Getting in Contact

If you have any questions or concerns about your child or the class, please do not hesitate to email me through the school office. If you would prefer, a telephone conversation could also be arranged.

It has been a pleasure to see the children again this week. The Bees team and I look forward to continuing their learning journey over the coming year.

Kind regards,
Mrs Westfeld