



Vigo Primary School

Opening a World of Learning and Opportunity

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Welcome to the Autumn Term of Year 2

Dear Parents,

It has been so exciting to start another academic year and start getting to know our new classes. All the Year 1 children have managed the beginning of the year wonderfully and are starting to form really wonderful connections in class and as a year group already. As a result, we have already established many of our daily routines and have begun many of our units of learning outlined on our curriculum overview. The children's engagement and willingness to learn has been fantastic and we hope passion and sense of community will continue to grow over the course of the year.

The start and the end of the day

Our school day starts at 8.35am and ends at 3.10pm. Please bear with us as we are seeing children out, as we need to release them one at a time so we can see parents and carers. Please make sure that all names are on the collection list, if you wish to add a person, please speak to a member of the office staff. On very wet rainy days, we will open the gates so you can stand under the shelter whilst waiting for classes to finish. On these occasions can you please ensure that younger/older siblings do not touch/play with the equipment in our outdoor area.

What to bring to school

All children should have a named water bottle in school every day – they will be in charge of filling and refreshing these during the day and will bring them home to be washed. Please can we ensure that these are filled with water. These should be in addition to the drink they bring for lunch. If children would like to bring a healthy snack for playtime, please put it in a named bag as these go into our snack trays.

PE days

Year 1 PE days will be Wednesday and Thursday every week, please ensure that on PE days your child wears trainers, **black** shorts or jogging bottoms and a **white** t-shirt. In cold weather your child may also wear a plain black hoodie or school jumper.

Forest School

In Year 1 the classes will rotate accessing Forest School sessions on a Wednesday afternoon. We ask that for Forest School sessions children wear long sleeved tops and trousers and appropriate footwear, such as boots or wellies. When it is your child's day for Forest School please send them to school in their Forest School clothes, with a spare change of clothes (does not have to be their uniform) in their bag in case they get wet or dirty.

Iceland – Autumn 1 and Spring 2

Norway – Autumn 2 and Summer 1

Portugal – Spring 1 and Summer 2





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Healthy snack and lunchboxes

Children need to bring in a healthy snack, for example: fruit, crackers and **nut-free** cereal bars for breaktime. Please can those bringing a packed lunch from home ensure there is a healthy balance of food and a separate drink.

We find children are more able to concentrate on their learning when they have a healthy diet and are hydrated throughout the day. Please also do not send your child to school with sweets or fizzy drinks in their lunch boxes. Some ideas can be found here

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Reading expectations

The expectation for reading is that children read every day with an adult at home, we recommend about 10 to 15 minutes with a short chat at the end about what they have read, and for this to be recorded in their reading log. If you have any questions on how the phonics programmes best support you child please do not hesitate to talk to a teacher. We are happy to help.

How you can help your child in Year 1

In Year 1 there is a big emphasis on supporting children develop their own learning behaviour. This included characteristics such as independence and can be supported at home by asking children to take ownership over some house hold jobs or task. Listening and following instructions, making sure that instructions are broken down and understood. Repeating what you have said to check they have listened. Resilience, asking children how they may overcome a problem they have encountered and guiding them through rather than taking over the job or simply instructing them how to accomplish it. Working collaboratively is also a skill that we will seek to develop. This involves expressing their own view points in an assertive and appropriate way but also being open minded and taking on others thoughts and opinions.

What to do if you have any worries or concerns

If you have any non-urgent learning or personal and social concerns about your child that you would like to discuss with a class teacher please email through adminoffice@vigo.hants.sch.uk, or catch them at the end of the school day at pick up.

Mornings are a very busy time for teachers as they prepare for your child's learning for the day, so please avoid trying to speak with them at that time.

Keeping up to date

The school have recently updated the school website and we are looking forward to sharing images of our child's work and activities on this.

Portugal Class- Mrs McNeil & Mrs Martin

Iceland Class- Miss Askwith

Norway Class- Miss Russell





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Year 1 supporting adults – Miss Allen, Miss Snooks, Miss Marney, Miss McDonough, Miss Coventry, Mrs Horne & Mrs Jennrich.

We look forward to a successful year.

The Year 1 Team

