



Widmer End Community Combined School and Pre-School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new academic year! I hope you had an enjoyable summer break and you're ready for this academic year. In this newsletter, I have included information about our classroom routines and general information to keep you informed about the term ahead. This year, we are supported by Mrs Bejan who will be working with the class Monday, Tuesday mornings, Wednesday and Friday mornings, Mrs Shaheen who will be with the class on Tuesdays and Miss Sykes who will be with the class Thursday and Friday afternoons.

Please see our Autumn Term curriculum map below to find out about the topics and aspects of learning we will be covering in the first term. A copy of this will also be available on the school website.

Year 1 Autumn Term Curriculum map



English (Writing) Three Little Pigs- sequencing, speech bubbles, alternative end writing Autumn Days (Poetry) - exploring poetry using senses The Elephant - predictions, role play, report writing Dogger - character descriptions, instructions	Maths (PowerMaths) Numbers to 10 Addition and Subtraction to 10 2D and 3D shapes	Science Everyday Materials Autumn and Winter
Computing (iLearn2) E-safety Mouse and Keyboard Skills Digital Art Design	PSHE (Jigsaw) Being me in my world Celebrating difference	Humanities My Local Area Toys in Time
PE (GetSet4PE) Fundamentals Ball Skills	RE Caring for Others Gifts and Giving	Art / DT (Kapow) Drawing - make your mark Mechanisms - making a moving story book
		Music Get set for Music
In Year 1 this term we will read: The BFG - Roald Dahl		



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Reading Record and Home Learning Book

These Widmer End spiral bound books will be used to record daily home learning tasks, in particular the reading that your child does at home. The Home Learning Book (purple book) will be checked every week on a Monday. Any communication regarding your child should be emailed via the office with the subject FAO Miss Davis. Reading records will be sent home after Meet the Teacher on Tuesday 10th September and the first Home Learning will be set the week beginning 16th September.

When you receive your child's Reading Record please sign the home school agreement as soon as possible.

Reading

Year 1 children are required to read **at least 3 times a week for 10-15 minutes**, to an adult, as part of their home learning, allowing time for discussion, questions and answers. Your child will bring home a phonics book, a library book and a sharing book each week. The phonics book will match your child's phonics ability. While reading this book your child should be encouraged to FRED talk words that they are unsure of. The library book is a book to be enjoyed together. The sharing book is to be shared with an adult as it will be more challenging for your child. Please record the date and the time spent reading in their **Reading Record**. We will check that this has been completed each Monday.

Additional Homework

Home learning is key to their progress, as it reinforces what we are teaching in class. Every week a phonics or spelling task will be sent out via EdShed (login details will be stuck in the Reading Record). Word building and practising FRED talk to spell words is key to your child's development in reading and writing. In addition to this, a Maths or English task will be set each week in their **Home Learning Books**. A **minimum of 20 minutes** should be spent on these additional tasks. The EdShed task will be set on a Monday with 1 week to complete. The Maths or English task will be set on a **Tuesday** and handed in the following **Monday**.

Any Home Learning that is not completed and handed in will result in your child being sent to Study Squad on a Thursday lunchtime to complete the missing work.

PE days

On the days that your child has PE, they will need to come to school wearing their kit for the whole day.

Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on a **Wednesday**. PE kit consists of:

- Black shorts, skort, jogging bottoms or leggings (with or without school logo*)
- White T-shirt (with or without school logo)
- Royal Blue PE Hoodie (with W.E. logo)
- Sports socks
- Black or white trainers



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Forest School

During the Autumn Term, Year 1 will be taking part in Forest School **every Tuesday starting on 10th September**. Your child will need to come into school wearing suitable clothing which consists of:

- Waterproofs – trousers and jacket
- Black tracksuit bottoms
- PE top
- One thick jumper
- One fleecy zip up jacket (just in case)
- Two pairs of socks. On the bottom, one thin cotton sock, and the top, a thick wool or fluffy bed sock
- Wellies or sturdy closed toe shoes (which you don't mind getting wet and muddy!) If they are laced, you **MUST** be able to do them yourself!
- Waterproof gloves

When the weather starts to turn colder after half term these extra clothing items are advised:

- Base layer - thermals
- Neck scarf
- Hat and gloves – waterproof, ski gloves are great!
- Four pairs of socks. Two pairs to wear (on the bottom, one thin cotton sock, and the top, a thick wool or fluffy bed sock) and two spare pairs
- Extra Jumpers to be packed in a backpack for really cold days!
- Snow boots or sturdy warm outdoor boots which are waterproof/ If they are laced, you **MUST** be able to do them yourself!

More information about Forest School is available on the school website

(<https://www.widmerend.bucks.sch.uk/forest-school/>)

Morning break

A snack of fruit/vegetable is provided every day for your child. If preferred you can provide your child with their own fruit/vegetable snack to have at breaktime (in a labelled box or bag).

General

- Please keep us up to date with any medical issues / needs your child may have.
- Shoulder length and longer hair must be tied up. Hair-bands must be blue or white.
- Please name all your child's clothes, it helps us to return them promptly to the right owner!
- A reminder that children are not allowed to bring toys/personal items into school as this can cause distraction and upset.
- School starts at the **time of 8:45am** with the bell ringing at **8:43am** and finishes at **3:15pm**
- Please inform the school office by **9.30 am** if your child is not going to be in school that day.
- Please ensure that your child is provided with a packed lunch or that you have ordered their lunch with The Kids Lunch Company (<https://www.widmerend.bucks.sch.uk/school-lunches/>).



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Equipment needed

KS1 Equipment & Stationery Requirements

Your **KS1** equipment and stationery requirements are as follows (all named please)!

- A Clear Pencil Case, filled with:
- 2x HB Pencils (ideally Staedtler Norris)
- Rubber
- Sharpener (Finger Safe)
- Colouring Pencil Set
- Glue Stick
- Ruler (30cm rigid)
- Child-Safe Scissors
- Purple Pencils (for editing their work)
- A Coloured Highlighter
- 2x Black Whiteboard Markers (these run out quickly!)
- Mini Whiteboard Rubber
- Art Overall
- A4 Popper/Zip Wallet

We have a stationery shop on ParentPay where you can purchase additional and replacement equipment, or your child can bring in cash to spend in school.

I look forward to getting to know you and having a great year in Year 1.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Davis