

## Main Points from Meet the Teacher Sept 2020

2 Washington- Class teachers: Mrs Brookes & Mrs Jariwala

LSAs: Ms Hurley & Ms Parmar

2 USA – Class Teacher: Ms. Cunningham LSA: Mrs Wani

### Daily Routines

- Children line up in line up order.
- We wash hands regularly throughout the day and occasionally use hand sanitizer.
- There are three outdoor playtimes during the day: 15 minutes in the morning, 45 minutes after lunch and 15 minutes in the afternoon.
- In addition, all classes take part in 10 minutes of exercise during our daily Move a Mile session.
- Year 2 eat their lunch at 12:15 each day.

### Behaviour

- Stay on Green Chart. Every child starts each day with a green card on the chart. If a child misbehaves they will initially be given a verbal warning with a second verbal warning given if the child continues to do the wrong thing. Should their poor behaviour continue they will then change colour to a blue card followed by a yellow card. A red card will be issued should the child still make poor choices re their behaviour or may be issued immediately in certain circumstances such as hurting another child. If given a red card, the child will have detention with Miss Christopher the following day after lunch.
- We use a house point system based on their school houses. Children are awarded house points for a variety of reasons, for example, good manners, being kind etc. House points are collected from each class on Friday and totaled up with the house who has the most points at the end of term being awarded extra break time.
- We have a marble jar and real marbles in each classroom. The class are awarded marbles when they ALL show some form of positive behaviour (e.g. line up beautifully etc.). Once the marble jar is full they have a Marble Jar Party one afternoon.
- We award a Star of the Week certificate to a child each Friday.

### Curriculum

- Maths, Phonics and English are taught every day. We have also started teaching one Art, Music, P4C, PSHCE, PE, Science, Geography/History and RE lesson per week.
- Reading and story time are also timetabled.
- We are very lucky to have African drumming every week as well as an additional music lesson with Mr Tang.
- Homework - We will begin setting spellings on a weekly basis after half term. The children will also be able to use Mathletics at home and we will be setting weekly homework tasks based on topics that we study in maths.

### Reading

- Books are banded according to the reading scheme that is available for all parents and carers to see on the website under Reading.

- Sometimes a child may find the book they are reading a bit easier. This might be because they require further consolidation on a particular letter sound or spelling pattern that is being worked on in class. Practising on this word will help with decoding and fluency and this shouldn't cause alarm to you. Children will be move through the book banding when their teacher believes they are ready to move to the next banding. In addition to their school reading books, children will pick a book for pleasure (over a 4 week rotating basis at the moment). Please encourage your child to read every day and make an entry into their reading record. More information about reading is being uploaded onto the website shortly.
- Please listen to your child read frequently and ask them questions about what they have read. Asking a child to tell you what the book was about is a good indication of what they have retained.
- Please may your child keep their Reading Record Books and reading books in their book bags to bring to school each day and please write in the Record Book whenever you hear your child read.
- We are now using the Monster Phonics system which the children thoroughly enjoy. Further information can be found at [www.monsterphonics.com](http://www.monsterphonics.com)
- As you all know, your children will sit the national Phonics Screen in the summer. Please, please practise the different sounds with your children.
- There are a great many You Tube videos and free online games to help.

#### Dates for Your Diary

- Reading books are changed on Tuesday and Friday.
- Library is once every 4 weeks on a Monday starting from 19<sup>th</sup> October. The children will bring home 2 library books each time.
- PE is on Thursday – please send your child to school in their PE kits.

#### Things to Remember

- Book bags with reading books and Record books to come in every day.
- Please ensure your child's uniform is named.

#### How will it work having two different teachers with one class?

- 2 Washington have two part time teachers. Mrs Brookes teaches Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning while Mrs Jariwala teaches Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday. Both teachers have a handover session on Wednesday afternoon and plan for the week ahead together. This is an opportunity to discuss any issues that may have come up that the other may not be aware of. Both Mrs Brookes and Mrs Jariwala have a wealth of experience at the school and in teaching and have worked in a job share basis before.

#### How was the home schooling work that children completed at home assessed, evaluated and used?

- The work completed at home was checked by class teachers and helped in aiding them to informally assess what level the children are currently working at. This has enabled teachers to see where the gaps are in children's learning and support them with their future planning and interventions.

#### Will the children be having SATs tests next year as they are in Year 2?

- Currently the KS1 SATs tests will take place in May 2021. While these are statutory assessments, they are not carried out under strict time conditions and the school has always approached them with the children applying an attitude of it being important to try your best but not putting pressure on performance.
- For more information on the assessments, please click on the link below...

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

Will the children be sitting the phonics screen this term?

- All children in Year 2 will sit the phonics screen in Year 2 during the second half of the autumn term. This will be carried out before the end of the term.
- The screening check and what parents and carers can do to support their children will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October '20 with a session at 4pm followed by another session at 5pm.

Where can I find out more information on what content the children are covering in class?

- Timetables as well as overviews of what we are studying in each subject can be found on our website under 'Curriculum Information'.