



# Greystoke Primary School

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## Year 1 and Year 2 Newsletter

### Dear Families,

We are so excited to welcome the children back to school this term. We have a super Autumn term planned for the children with lots of exciting learning. An overview of the curriculum that we will be covering will follow this newsletter. Below, we have some key in-

### Uniform

At the start of the school year it is wonderful to see so many pupils wearing Greystoke uniform, they look very smart! Children should only wear school uniform in the Greystoke colours and should not wear hoodies/jackets in school. Please can you also ensure that all your child's uniform is named.

### Water Bottles and Snacks

Pupils are encouraged to bring water into school so they can have a drink during the day. Do not send in juice, this is not allowed except with their lunch.

If your child would like to have milk at breaktime, then please contact the office to pay for this weekly.

Key Stage One children will also be provided with a healthy snack at break times. This will often include apples, bananas, raisins, oranges, tomatoes and any other fruit. If they do not want the healthy snack then they do not need to have it. Children can bring their own snack to school for break time but this needs to be a healthy snack such as fruit or cereal bars. Children should not be bringing in crisps or chocolates for break time.

### Reading

Pupils will all be given a Phonics or a PM reading book and a new reading record. Please try to read with your child every night for 5-10 minutes. You can then make a comment about their reading in their reading records. Please make sure their books and records are sent back to school with them every day. With each PM book, it is important that the children have spent some time exploring the text, rather than quickly reading the book overnight and hoping to change it the next day.

### Extra-Curricular Activities

There will be lots of opportunities for children to take part in extra-curricular activities this year, including sporting events and music lessons. Please look out for information on these throughout the year.

### How we will communicate:

Over the academic year, we will regularly communicate with children and parents through Microsoft Teams as well posting some of the learning we get up to on Twitter. Please take the time to ensure that you can access these at home and contact your teacher if you are unable to.

We are always here to support you and your child; if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's learning, please feel free to speak to the class teacher:

Miss Pullen (1SP)

Miss Yakub (1AY)

Mrs Harrison and Miss Charlesworth (2HC)

Miss Iqbal (2AI)

Kind Regards,

KS1 Team

### PE

Pupils are expected to wear their PE kit to school on the day they are doing PE (see below). They must wear appropriate PE kit and should have both indoor (shorts, house T-shirt and plim-solls) and outdoor kit (tracksuit, house T-shirt, jumper and trainers). Football kits are not permitted as PE kits. They do not need to bring a change of clothes as they will stay in their kit for the whole of that day. Please remove/tape any jewellery.

### PE Days

Year 1 will have PE on a Monday and Tuesday.

Year 2 will have PE on a Wednesday and a Swimming session on Thursdays.

Year 2 will begin swimming on the 7th September for 6 weeks. This will be on Thursdays and will replace your PE slot. Children can come in their swimming costumes under their school uniform as we will be leaving at 9 'o'clock.

### Homework and spellings

Spellings will be set every Friday through Microsoft Teams and we will send home a paper copy as well. Homework will be given every other week. This can be completed online or handed back to the teacher by the following Wednesday. If you require any support with accessing the homework through Microsoft Teams, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

### Phonics

Phonics is the system we use to teach early reading and writing. As a school, we will be using the Read Write Inc Phonics scheme. Year 1 are currently recapping previously learnt sounds. The children will be assessed and grouped into the correct Set. In addition, Year 2 children will be beginning daily Guided Reading sessions. At the end of Year 1 children will complete the Phonics screening check. Those children in Year 2 that need to retake the Phonics screen will also do this at the end of the year.