

# Welcome!

## KS1 meeting

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018

# Thank you!

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## **Meet the teachers in the team**

**Mrs Carpenter**

Phase Leader, Les Coccinelles Year 1

**Miss Peek**

Les Sauterelles, year 1

**Miss Smart**

Les Abeilles, Year 1

**Miss Parker**

Les Souris, year 2

**Miss Keenan**

Les Grenouilles, Year 2

**Mrs Walden and Mrs Moore**

Les Hirondelles, Year 2

# Read For a Star / Marvellous Maths

- 4 times a week- recorded in their diary.

You could:

- Help measure out cooking ingredients
- Start to tell the time
- Pay for shopping
- Find odd and even numbers
- Count in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Practise calculation methods they have learnt in school
- Maths games from the library

The children will earn certificates and prizes in assembly with a treat at the end of the year for those reaching the top award!

## Cafés and KS1 Workshare

Throughout the year we will invite you to come in and spend some time in class with the children.

During cafés you will have the opportunity to complete some activities with your child. These might be: playing games, sharing stories or exploring and investigating problems.

KS1 Workshare sessions are informal and give you the chance to see what your child has been learning, discuss their targets and achievements, see their progress and ask how you can further support your child at home.

# Home Learning

- Each child will get a home learning book.
- Home learning may vary from weekly tasks during one half term, to a project task that can span over a half term.
- We like to see writing by the children but welcome a whole family effort!
- You can do extra work in the book if you wish.

**If you have any questions about Home Learning then please come and ask. We really want it to be a chance for you to spend time talking, researching and learning with your child.**

# Curriculum overview

Each term the year group will produce a curriculum overview that is published on the website.

It will tell you what your child is learning in each area of the curriculum.

# **Assessments- phonics screening and monitoring progress**

Throughout the year we will be monitoring your child's progress by looking at the work in their books, discussing their understanding and of course the statutory tests.

We have a 'Growth Mindset' in this school and the testing process is very different to the way it used to be! We will help to prepare the children by talking about how to approach and answer the questions as well as showing the children the types of questions they might find in their tests.

# P.E.

Year 1 have PE on Thursday.

Year 2 have PE on Tuesday.

Your child needs an indoor and a warm outdoor PE kit with trainers and plimsolls.

Please note that purple polo shirts are for PE and white ones should be worn for school.

Please Note- Our school timetable is fluid and the children may need their PE kit on any day. PE kits should be in school Monday-Friday.

# Cursive Handwriting

We have a cursive handwriting style.

Improving handwriting and presentation is a whole school focus.

We are teaching the children this style of handwriting from year 1 which should help them to join fluently in year 2.

You are welcome to take a copy of cursive lower case letters from the class teacher for your reference. It would be great if you could find the time to practise this with your child at home. Class teachers are happy to answer any queries on which letters we have covered.

## What you can do to help at home

We really encourage you to help your child complete their home learning and, as mentioned earlier, you may also want to refer to the curriculum overview for other activities.

Reading with and reading to your child, and completing any counting activities will also help support their learning.

# Our school app

We have a school app on which you can keep up to date with school news and receive alerts.

Simply search **Queen's Hill Primary School** in the app store.



# Fancy coming in to help?

We really love to have volunteers in our classes.

If you like:

- Listening to children read
- Helping children with their work
- Reading to children

Or if you have a hobby that you would like to share with us (like knitting, sewing, art or maybe you would like to teach us a language) then just let us know!

# **My door is always open!**

It is really important that we work together to help all children reach their potential.

If you have a question or are worried about anything then please do not hesitate to mention it to your child's class teacher or come and see me (Mrs Carpenter)!

I will happily arrange to meet you before or after school.