

BIDSTON AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to Year One

					
Miss Butterworth 1BD Teacher - Mornings (SENDCo)	Mrs Dawson 1BD Teacher - Afternoon	Mrs Miller 1CM Teacher Monday - Wednesday	Mrs Cairns 1CM Teacher Wednesday - Friday	Mrs Brady Reading Lead	Miss Davies Teaching Assistant

We hope that your child has enjoyed their first few days in Year 1 and is feeling happy and settled. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child and working together with you so that we have a very exciting and productive year.

TRANSITION FROM F2 TO YEAR 1

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in F2. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day, and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning, as the year goes on, so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners. Please don't hesitate to contact any member of the team via phone or email if you have any questions or queries.

P.E.

P.E. for 1BD and 1CM for this half term will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child **comes to school in their P.E. kit (white t-shirt with/without logo, plain black shorts or plain black tracksuit bottoms) wearing their school jumper or cardigan.** A pair of comfortable trainers or pumps is essential. Thank you.

READING

Learning to read is the most important thing your child will learn at our school. Everything else depends on it, so we do all we can to make sure every child learns to read quickly.

We want your child to love reading - and to want to read for themselves.



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MRS BRADY - READING LEAD

My name is Mrs Brady and I am the Reading Leader for Bidston Avenue Primary School. Reading is one of our school drivers and it's my job to get every child to read. Research shows that children who learn to read quickly go on to succeed in school and in life. At Bidston Avenue Primary School, our children learn to read and write effectively and quickly using the Read Write Inc. Phonics programme. Some children need extra practice when learning to read, so we will teach these children one-to-one for ten minutes every day - on top of their group lesson. I enjoyed reading with all of your children last year in F2 and I look forward to working with them again. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Reading books will be sent home with your child to do their daily read (5 minutes) at home.

Book bags will be checked weekly on a given day. We ask for each child to bring their book bag in **everyday** so their Read Write Inc teacher can provide a copy of the storybook they have been reading - there is no set day for this. In the children's book bag, there will be an additional book that your child has chosen from our class book corner. This is a book to share together and **not** to be independently read by your child.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be sent home or set on Purple Mash each Friday, to be completed by Wednesday. Tasks will be explained to the children before being sent home and will be related to a concept they have been working on that week. Please spend no more than 10-15 minutes at a time on any given task. If your child is finding it difficult, please do not worry and contact your child's teacher.

SAFETY

The safety of your child is our main priority. If someone different will be picking your child up from school at the end of the day please inform the member of staff at the door in the morning or inform the school office by email or phone. Please do not be offended if we do not let your child go with someone who we are not expecting. A phone call to yourselves will always be made if we are unsure.

WATER BOTTLES

All children require a **named** water bottle in school each day, (in addition to the drink in their lunch box). These will be sent home each night to allow you to clean them and send in fresh water (**no juice please**). Children do have the opportunity to re-fill them in school if necessary.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHES

We know it is frustrating when your child loses an item of clothing. To prevent this from happening, please make sure that your **child's name** is clearly written on every item of uniform (i.e. jumper, coat, bag, hat etc.) The children can get upset if they don't know which item is theirs.

TOYS

Please discourage your child from bringing toys into school from home. We have plenty of toys for your child to use in school and lost/damaged toys from home can cause unnecessary upset.

Many thanks
Year 1 Team