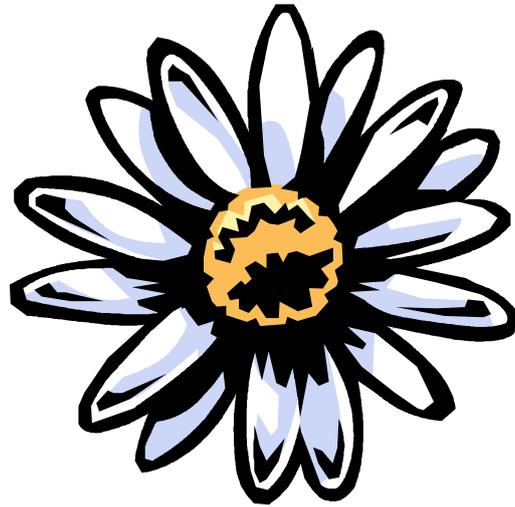


**Yorke Mead Primary School**



**Welcome**  
**to**  
**Year 1**

### My Day at School

When I come into the classroom, I will organise myself by putting my water bottle into my coloured group tray. Each morning I will take out of my book bag my reading record and my reading book, any letters for my teacher and any homework I need to hand in.

We will begin the day with a busy fingers activity. Once we have done the register, we will begin our Phonics session followed by our Reading Practise. English and maths will also take place during the morning. Our topic work, including: art, history, music, geography, PE activities etc. will usually happen in the afternoon. We do try to link our learning to our topic work.

During the autumn term, to help with the transition from Reception, we will have DARE TO (Child Initiated Learning) each and every day.

We have a playtime in the morning and as part of DARE TO, during the afternoon. This helps us towards the daily recommended one hour a day exercise all children should have. We also take part in the daily mile each day. We all run for up to ten minutes together at a pace that suits us.

At the end of the day, I will put my reading book and any letters back into my book bag so please remember to check it each night.

### What will I learn?

This year we will do the following topics:

	1 <sup>st</sup> Half	2 <sup>nd</sup> Half
AUTUMN	Ourselves	Celebrating Differences
SPRING	Toys	India
SUMMER	The Great Outdoors	Superheroes

This year we will have 2 theme days where we will spend a day taking part in a range of different activities based on our theme to enhance our learning. We invite the children to dress up for these days if they wish. There will be an India day (children can dress in the colours of the Indian flag, as an animal from India or in traditional Indian dress) and during the summer term, we will have a superhero day (children will be invited to dress as a real life or fantasy superhero). We will send out more information about these days closer to the time.

### Home Learning

In a few weeks' time, I will begin to bring home my home learning book. I will have a short home learning activity which I will bring home on Friday and will need to hand in by the following Wednesday. This might be an English, Maths, Topic or Phonics challenge.

### Reading

I will read to an adult in school regularly, often through our daily reading Practise Sessions, where I will work with an adult three times a week. My reading book, which I will take home, will be checked and can be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Books will only be changed if they have been read at home – please record this in the orange diary. It is important that my reading record is always signed with a comment to help my teacher know how I am progressing with the book.

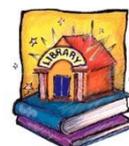
Whilst I am reading shorter books, please try to read my book with me three times (before changing it) for: decoding, fluency and comprehension – ask me questions about the book, do I understand what I am reading? As I move onto longer books, which might have chapters, three reads will no longer be necessary. More information about reading at Yorke Mead will be coming home soon.

### Stamps

On a Monday, my teaching assistant will put a stamp in my reading diary if I have read and my diary has been signed at least 4 times during the previous week. Once I have 10 stamps, I will receive my bronze reading award, 20 stamps the silver reading award and 30 the gold reading award.

### Library Books

Each week we will visit the school library where I will choose a library book and bring it home. I need to bring my book back to school the following week so that I



can choose a new one. We will let you know nearer the time when our library time will be.

### Things to bring to school

#### Book bag

I need my book bag and reading book **every day**. To keep our reading books in good condition please **DO NOT** put water bottles into my book bag. I should not bring in anything from home that I have not been asked to bring in, this includes toys and fidget toys.



#### PE Kit



I need a pair of black shorts, black or white trainers/plimsols and a red t-shirt for PE. As the weather gets colder, I will also need a school tracksuit or pair of black tracksuit bottoms or black leggings, and a jumper (preferably without a hood) as we will do outdoor PE. My PE kit should stay in school and just be brought home at the end of each half term to be washed. All of my PE kit should be labelled as it is easy for me to get it mixed up with other children's when I get changed. If I am wearing tights to school, I will need a pair of socks in my PE bag. It is important that I have the skills to change by myself so please make sure I can fasten my own shoes.

#### A Bottle of Water

Sipping water throughout the day helps to keep my brain active. I need to bring a named bottle of water to school each day. I will bring my water bottle home each night so that it can be washed and refilled ready for the next day. I am only allowed to have water in my bottle.



#### Snack



It can be a long time from breakfast until lunch time for a little tummy. Please can I bring a healthy snack to eat during morning break. This must be a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables. If my snack is in a container, please make sure it is named. To help with my independence it is important I can open my own snack packet or pot.

#### Coats and Hats

With the weather in Britain, I will always need to have a coat or jacket in school in case it turns cold or rainy, and if we have a warm spell please can I bring a sunhat for outdoor activities. If I don't have a sunhat, I will need to stay in a shaded area and I may not be allowed to take part in activities outside.



#### Wellingtons

In the summer term, my class will be taking part in forest school, and I will need to bring in wellingtons and a warm jumper. My teacher will send a letter out prior to starting forest school with more information.

#### Who works in my classroom?

##### Year 1 Silver Birch

Mrs Carter, Teacher: *Monday - Wednesday*  
Mrs Barnes, Teacher: *Wednesday – Friday*  
Miss Bradwell, Teaching Assistant: *Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.*  
Ms Kingman Teaching Assistant: *Wednesdays*

##### Year 1 Elder

Mr Parr, Teacher  
Mrs Ronanova, Teaching Assistant:  
*Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.*

#### Twitter

Please do follow us on Twitter @1YorkeMead so you can find out more about the learning I am doing at school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us either through the school office or at the classroom door.

### Timetable

Below is a copy of Y1's timetable for the autumn term.

	8:40-8:55	9:00-9:25	9:25-9:50	9:55 - 10:30	10:30	10:45 – 11:00	11:00 - 12:00	12-1pm	1-1:10	1:10	2-2:30	2:30-3:00	3:00-3:15
Monday	Busy fingers, register and morning maths	PHONICS	READING PRACTISE	English	Assembly 10:30 (Mondays and Fridays 10:20)	Play time	Maths	Lunch	Quiet	Science	DARE TO	Science	Story Getting ready for home
Tuesday				English			Maths			1:00-1:30 Topic		1:30-2:00 DARE TO	
Wednesday			English				Topic		Quiet Reading	Maths	DARE TO	Reading Practise	
Thursday			English	Maths			1-2pm PE Fundamentals Outside			Topic			
Friday			Computing	Maths			English			Topic			