

**Yorke Mead Primary School**



**Year One**  
**Silver Birch & Elder**

**Autumn Term**

### 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 bag my reading record and my reading book, any letters for my teacher and any home learning I need to hand in.

We will begin the day with a busy fingers activity. Once we have done the register, we will complete our Morning Maths, followed by running The Daily Mile. After some Mindfulness, our Phonics session will begin. Immediately after our Phonics learning, we complete our Reading Practice. English and Maths will predominantly take place during the morning session. Our topic work, including: Computing, Art, History, Music, D&T, P4C, PSHE, RE and Geography will usually happen in the afternoon.

During the Autumn Term we will continue with our DARE TO learning. This will be an opportunity for us to explore a range of planned activities throughout the classroom including role-play, the reading corner, construction, Arts and Crafts, Science Activities etc.

As well as The Daily Mile, we have a playtime in the morning and afternoon. This helps us towards the daily recommended one hour a day exercise all children should have.

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

### What will I learn?

This year our topics will be:

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

### PE

	Autumn 1 Fundamentals and Fitness	Autumn 2 Ball Skills and Sending and Receiving
<b>Silver Birch</b>	Tuesday morning Friday afternoon	
<b>Elder</b>	Tuesday morning Friday afternoon	

### PE Kit



I need a pair of black shorts, black or white trainers/plimsols and a red t-shirt for PE. On colder days, 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.

### Home Learning

I will have a short home learning activity which I will bring home on a Friday and will need to hand in by the following Wednesday. Please encourage your child to complete this piece of learning as it prepares them for their future learning as they move through the school.

I will also have weekly sounds, decodable words and tricky words to practise at home. This will mirror what I have been learning in school that week. This information will be sent out in a separate email.

### Reading

I will read to an adult in school regularly, often through our daily Reading Practice 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. My books will only be changed if I have read at home – parents, 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 read 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 of the same book will no longer be necessary.

### 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

Every Thursday, 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 Thursday so that I can choose a new one.

### Uniform:

Please make sure that all items of my uniform are clearly marked with my name. I can only wear plain stud earrings, no other jewellery or nail varnish should be worn in school. If I have long hair, it must be tied back. Please see our uniform policy for more information.

### Things to bring to school:

#### **A small rucksack or book bag**



I need my 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**

#### **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 following our school policy. 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. **No eggs or nuts please.**

## 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. As we are still experiencing periods of hot weather, please make sure that I bring a plain red or black sunhat and a bottle of sun screen for outdoor activities. Ideally, I will apply sunscreen before I come to school and then I can top it up during the school day. 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.



## Who works in my classroom?

### Year 1 Silver Birch

Miss Deacy, Teacher: *Monday – Friday*

### Year 1 Elder

Ms Kingman, Teacher – *Monday - Friday*

Teaching Assistants across Year 1:

*Mrs Sanders, Mrs Khanum, Mrs Sadler, Mrs Brett and Mr Thompson*

## Instagram

Please follow us on Instagram: **yorkemead1** where 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 by emailing [year.1@yorkemead.herts.sch.uk](mailto:year.1@yorkemead.herts.sch.uk) or at the classroom door.

## Timetable

Below is a copy of Y1's timetable for the Autumn Term – this is subject to change.

	8:40-8:50	9:00-9:25	9:25-9:50	9:55 - 10:30	10:30-10:45	10:45-11:00	11:00 - 12:00	12:10pm	1:15 – 2:20	2:25-2:55	3:00-3:15
Monday				English DARE TO	Assembly 10:15		English DARE TO		Maths DARE TO		RE DARE TO
Tuesday				Maths DARE TO			PE		Science DARE TO		Science DARE TO
Wednesday		Busy Fingers		English DARE TO			Maths DARE TO		History DARE TO		Music DARE TO
Thursday				English DARE TO			Maths DARE TO Computing (Aut 2)		Art / D&T DARE TO		DARE TO
Friday				English DARE TO	Assembly 10:20 Friday-10:30 Thursday		Maths DARE TO		PE DARE TO		PSHE DARE TO