



# Bumblebee Class Newsletter (Years 1 and 2)

2024-2025

Welcome to Year 1 and 2! Get ready for another year of fun and learning in Bumblebee Class!

<p><b>The adults working with you this year</b>  <b>Class Teachers:</b> Mrs Cousins / Mrs Lennon (English) <i>Tues am, Weds am, Fri am</i>  <b>LSAs:</b> Mrs Brear <i>Mon, Tues, Thurs am, Fri</i> / Mrs Green <i>Mon am, Weds, Thurs</i>  <b>P.E:</b> Mr Goldsmith/Mrs Cousins  <b>Science:</b> Mrs Denness <i>Wed am</i></p>	<p><b>Contact us via:</b>  <a href="mailto:teacher.bumblebee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk">teacher.bumblebee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk</a>          or Tapestry for messages/sending in homework etc.  <b>All urgent messages to</b>  <a href="mailto:office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk">office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk</a> or 740285</p>
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## Learning in Key Stage 1

In Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) we follow the National Curriculum.

We have a mixture of adult planned and directed lessons, and **Busy Bee Time**, when children are encouraged to learn in a more playful way. The classroom is set up to provide a rich variety of both open-ended learning and planned challenges. The children have time to play and explore what they have been taught, to think more deeply, re-visit the learning and make links, thus embedding what they've been taught.

This play-based learning also allows children time to develop at their own rates, with supporting adults nearby to encourage talk and questions. They will feel confident, safe and happy in their learning and will want to take the next steps themselves rather than just following sets of rigid instructions.

Y1/2	8.35 – 9am	9:00 – 9:30am	9:30 – 10:30	10.30 -11:45	11:45 – 12:45	12:45 – 2:45pm		2:45-3pm
<b>Monday</b>	Whole School Worship	Read Write Inc/Spellings	Maths Busy Bee Time		Lunch	PE	Computing	Story
<b>Tuesday</b>	Read Write Inc/Spellings	English Busy Bee Time		Class Worship		Geography / History Busy Bee Time		
<b>Wednesday</b>	SWAY/Church led Worship	Read Write Inc/Spellings	English Busy Bee Time	Science		PSHE	Busy Bee Time	
<b>Thursday</b>	Read Write Inc/Spellings	Maths Busy Bee Time		KS Worship		Music	RE	
<b>Friday</b>	Golden Worship	Read Write Inc/Spellings	English Busy Bee Time	PE		Art / DT Busy Bee Time		

PE lessons will be on Mondays and Fridays (**children should come to school in PE kits on these days**).

## Things to remember



- Label all uniform, coats, PE kits, hats, scarves etc.
- Bring your named water bottle every day.
- PE kits to be worn on Mondays and Fridays.
- Bring your book bag every day - try to read a little every day at home.

## Reading



Read Write Inc books will be changed by the Reading Teacher as planned.  
Story/picture books are changed by the children whenever they want.

Reading is so important in KS1. It forms a large part of our RWI and English lessons. We read lots of stories together and individually. Reading for pleasure is a big focus: what do you enjoy about your book and why? Would you recommend it to others? If so, why? If not, why not? Comprehension is also really important. When you are reading your book, make sure that you talk about what is happening, who the characters are, how they are feeling, what information the text is telling you, what type of book it is, how did it make you feel, is it funny/sad/exciting and so on.

Please ensure that you try to read at home every evening or morning, and that your reading record is signed. Even if you can read fluently, it is important to read and to listen to books with someone else; for example, you can read to a family member or friend or they can read to you. Sharing books is fun!



## Homework



Homework is set each half term, with a variety of different activities to choose from within one subject. It is designed to be a fun learning experience which you can do alone or with your family. Green homework books will be handed out at the beginning of the half term, and collected in on the due date, near the end of the half term.

We also ask that you try and read every night if possible. Frequent reading at home has been proven to significantly improve outcomes, and now is the time to start those habits.



## Spellings - Year 2



You will have a spellings book with your own spellings in. We will have a spelling lesson most days, and you will have new words to learn or a spelling pattern to investigate (sometimes these will be high frequency words or topic words and sometimes they will follow a specific spelling pattern that we are focusing on in our spelling lessons). These will be assessed or form part of a discussion each week. We will be practising these every day in class but you also need to practise as much as possible at home (e.g. 5 minutes every day at home or while travelling to and from school). Please keep your Spellings Book in your bag so you can use it at home and at school.



## Golden Worship



We will continue to have Golden Worship on Friday mornings at 8.35am, during which we celebrate achievements and progress in and out of school (the last Friday of each half term is for external awards). Parents/carers and grandparents are welcome to join us for this. You will receive a text message letting you know when your child is in the Golden Book. Please sign in at the school office.

## Topics



We will have different topics each half term. A Topic Web will be sent out at the beginning of every half term that explains what we will be learning in each subject.

### Information for parents: Year 2 tests and Y1 phonics screening

There are no longer statutory tests in Year 2.

Y1: Your child will be taking part in the Y1 Phonics Screening Check in June, in which they read real and nonsense words with a familiar teacher. There is no pressure during this process, and the activity is very similar to what we do every day in Read Write Inc. Further information will follow about this in due course.

Y2: If your child didn't meet the required level in Y1 Phonics Screening Check, then they will retake it in June. Further support for your child will be provided throughout the year.



## Attendance



At Brighstone we expect all children to have a minimum attendance of 96.5% and to start the school day punctually. This is key to ensure that you don't miss any important schooling – learning begins as soon as school starts at 8.30am.

If you arrive late, please go to the main school office where you will be registered. Many thanks.



## Parents' Evenings



We hold three parents' evenings throughout the year.

The first one will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 3.15pm – 5.30pm. You will receive a letter about this.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please do come and see us or email us on:

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Many thanks,

Kirsti Cousins and Rebecca Lennon