

Key Stage 1 Newsletter

WELCOME

Meet the Year 1/2 Team

Key Stage 1 Phase Lead:

Miss Estcourt

Teachers:

Miss Estcourt, Mrs Fifield and Miss Mullins

Support Staff:

Mrs Lindsey, Mrs Malczewska and Mrs Wheeler

Class Names:

Year 1: Badgers Year 1: Foxes

Year 2: Hedgehogs

Expectations for Year 1/2 B4L are remembered as:

- Sit up and listen
- Track the speaker
- Ask and answer questions
- Remember to try your best
- Stay on task



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BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

At Great Hollands Primary School, we have a consistent whole school approach to behaviour for learning.

We expect all children to display good behaviour for learning and be ready to learn in order to maximise their progress. Each class has a behaviour for learning display.

All children start the day on green on the behaviour chart and get to move up if they show particularly good behaviour for learning. If a child is not showing good behaviour for learning they are moved to the reflection zone where they reflect on what they need to do to move back to green.

Children who are on gold at the end of the day receive a “**GREAT B4L**” certificate to take home.

Our PE days this year are Monday and Tuesday

PE Uniform

Your child will need the following kit for PE lessons:

- Plain dark shorts, preferably blue or black
- Plain white polo or t-shirt (with or without school logo)
- Trainers
- A plain black or dark blue tracksuit may be worn on top of standard PE kit for outdoor PE in winter months.
- Please remove any earrings on PE days. If earrings are unable to be taken out then children must have their ears taped up before coming to school.

PE kits will stay in school until half-term.

A LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

We believe that learning at home is a vital part of your child's education and we hope to continue to work in partnership with you over the coming year.

Please help your child by making sure they come to school fully equipped for the day ahead - each day they need their reading book and home learning diaries.

COMMUNICATION

If you have messages, please email them into the school or give your child a note to hand to their teacher.

However, if there is something you wish to discuss in detail, please make an appointment for a phone call with your child's class teacher.

We are always happy to help.



HOME LEARNING

Maths

Home learning will be set on Mathletics on a Friday to be completed by the following Thursday. Every child has access to Mathletics with their own username and password. It is a fun way to practise all areas of Maths and has mini-teaching videos if they get stuck.

Spellings

Year 2 spellings based on a weekly spelling rule will be sent out on Friday to be learnt by the following Friday.

Topic

Home learning activities are set each half-term. The children will be given a selection of activities they can choose from. This is sent by email and will be in home learning books.

(RWI) Read, Write, Inc. Reading Books

Your child will bring home a RWI reading book each week. This will be the book they have been reading in their RWI lessons. Books will also be set on [Oxford Owl](#), in the homework area, there will be an eBook and a quiz which have been assigned for them to read.

Reading and Accelerated Reader

Children in Year 2 who have completed the RWI programme will bring a reading book home with them. They can also complete book quizzes on Accelerated Reader.

We expect the children to read their reading books for 10-15 minutes each night. Please write in your child's blue diary when you hear them read and number it each time. The children receive a **Star Award** and house points for reading 10 times at home.

Year 1 Number Facts

Recalling addition and subtraction facts within 10 is a tool all children need to know. We continue to support this every day in class but appreciate help with this at home too!

Year 2 Times Tables Rockstars!

Your child will be given their own login for the TTRS app. This allows them to practice their tables at their own pace or against the clock and promotes engagement through games. It awards trophies at each level and it highlights the child's results to their teacher.