

## A Y1 Guide for Parents and Carers



We hope that this guide will provide you with some useful information about Year 1 over the coming year. We value and appreciate parental support and interest in the curriculum and we are sure that your child does too. The aim of this leaflet is reinforce the information you will find on our website: [www.bradwayprimary.co.uk](http://www.bradwayprimary.co.uk)

Mrs Hulley, Mrs Pitts and Mrs Lucas will be teaching in Year 1 this year and will be supported by Mrs Duck, Mrs Rodgeron, Mrs Iosson and Mrs Stevenson. Mrs Iosson and Mrs Stevenson will be covering PPA (Preparation, Planning and Assessment) time on Tuesday mornings (DP and DH) and Friday mornings (HL.)

### Topic Work

As part of our ongoing improvements to the school curriculum, we are making some exciting changes to our humanities and arts subjects. Children will work on a project each term with a lead subject. Autumn: History, Spring: Geography and Technology Summer: Music, Art and design. Alongside the lead subject, there will be enhancement lessons e.g. art and music that compliment and adds to the topic in the lead subject. As we are making quite substantial changes to the way we are teaching these subjects, we are unable to provide a yearly overview at this time. However, the details of the Autumn term project and science topics can be found below:

Project title: Change;transport, toys.

Time periods covered: Living memory

Science topics: Weather

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who has expertise in any of these areas and who feels that they may be able to help.

### Photo permission

Unless we hear otherwise, we will assume you are happy for your child's photograph to appear on our website (including our school Twitter accounts), and occasionally in print media such as the Sheffield Star. We use photos to document and celebrate our curriculum so parents can access all of the exciting activities that we offer. *If you are unhappy for your child's photograph to appear on our website (including Twitter) or print media, please email [enquiries@bradway.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@bradway.sheffield.sch.uk)*

### Proposed visits and events for 2019/2020

The costs are only a guide and are based on the previous year's prices. In order to spread the cost of some of the visits and expenses, it will be possible for parents to pay in instalments. This can be arranged by contacting Mrs Cooper in the office.

<b>Autumn Term</b>	Crich Tramway Museum <b>£17</b> The Mobile Museum (Toys from the past) <b>£4</b>
<b>Spring Term</b>	Walk around local area to look at houses and homes <b>Free</b> Sunshine pizza company <b>£5</b>
<b>Summer Term</b>	Visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park approx <b>£17</b>

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### Homework

It is envisaged that parents will want to be involved in their children's learning; as such, children are encouraged to follow up the work carried out during the day with additional pictures or writing they want to bring in from home.

**Spellings** will be given out each week and linked closely to the phonics being undertaken in class.

**Regular reading is also very important.** We would recommend **daily sessions** of approximately 10 minutes, with regular discussion about the book with an adult. Please fill in your child's Reading Record after you have read with them.

**Maths** homework will consist of 30 minutes Mathswizz on Tutor Mode per week. This can be done in short bursts. Please let us know if you cannot access the internet at home.

### **Clothing Requirements / P.E and Games**

Children should have in school at all times:

- **a change of footwear for the classroom** (this could be slippers or plimsolls which should be named.)
- **a PE bag containing plimsolls, white t-shirt and black shorts** (for indoor PE.)

**We would like to remind parents that jewellery must not be worn in school at any time.**

Long hair must be tied back for all P.E. lessons and if your child is unable to take part in a PE lesson, a note from home is required.

**Y1DH PE lessons take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

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### **Lost Property**

We always seem to have an increasing amount of lost property. **Everyone can help by labelling all children's clothes and possessions so that they can be returned to them. In particular please make sure jumpers and cardigans are labelled.**

Lost property is kept initially in our year group cloakroom and then in drawers in the reception area and you are always welcome to search for lost items.

### **Parent/Teacher meetings**

As you may know, at Bradway we believe that good communication with parents is crucial if pupils are to achieve their potential at school.

An informal welcome meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September** in the Year 1 classroom (3.15 - 3.45pm) to introduce ourselves and to offer further information about life in Y1. We hope to see you all there.

There are two Parent/Teacher progress meetings during the year, the first in the Autumn term and the second in the Spring term. Further information will follow nearer the time.

A written annual report on your child's progress will be sent to you in July.

You are, of course, welcome to discuss any concerns about your child with members of staff. Please contact the relevant member of staff to arrange a mutually convenient time.

A pupil in Y1 has an allergy to nuts including peanuts, peanut butter, nut oils, nut flavourings, hazel nuts, sesame seeds etc. Touching or eating these items may provoke an allergic reaction. For the safety of this pupil we are asking parents not to send any food containing these items to school. Please ensure you check the snacks your child is bringing in and talk to them about hand washing etc.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **Class Facebook Groups / WhatsApp groups:**

At the beginning of a new school year new group pages on whatsapp and facebook are often created. As a school we recognise and appreciate the benefits that these types of group pages can have. They are set up with the very best of intentions and are an excellent way to engage and communicate with other parents.

Please help us to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our children, staff , parents and wider school community by being mindful of the following when participating in these groups:

- If you are posting on social media and it relates to the school, students or other parents, please check your facts, be considerate in the way in which you express things and avoid language that others might consider to be abusive, aggressive or threatening. In short, don't write anything you wouldn't be prepared for all to see
- Please **do not** refer to individual students, parents or staff on social media.
- Please do not post pictures or videos of other children or adults without seeking their permission to do so.
- If you have a significant concern about an aspect of school life, please talk to someone in school before posting on social media.
- If you have a specific complaint, please follow the school's Complaints Policy which is available on our school website.

It is not our intention to stifle debate or discourage parents expressing their views, but we do want to encourage and promote positive role models in both the digital world as well as the real world. We welcome any type of feedback and dialogue with our parents so that we can continue to improve and so that we can work together for our pupils.

Many thanks for your continued support

The Senior Leadership Team

**Help!**

We are always grateful to receive help in school so if you feel able to assist, please tick the areas and return the slip below to your child's class teacher.

Name of pupil		Class	
Reading		Arts and Crafts	
Visits		Spellings	
ICT		Other	

Print name:

Telephone Number: