

Year 1 – Class Brook

Welcome to Class Brook. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead and can't wait to support you with your journey into Year 1. In Class Brook we strive to be to like an Elephant. This means we:

- Work together and treat each other with kindness and respect.
- We are caring and take the time to help each other.
- We are determined and face challenges in a positive manner.
- We listen carefully and never forget, which in turn helps us to learn lots of new things.
- We are trustworthy and honest and always make sure that everyone in our 'herd' is happy.

PE	We have P.E on a Wednesday and Thursday. Feel free to leave P.E kits in school and we will send them home for you every half term so you can wash them. In Year 1 we continue to encourage independence when changing in PE and, as you can imagine, this means that some items of clothing do go missing. It really helps us if PE kit is clearly named so that we can quickly sort out who it belongs to. Thanks you for your support with this.
Forest School	We do Forest School every Friday so please make sure that your child has a suitable coat and footwear/wellies. We love to learn outdoors as much as possible so there may be other occasions where we will take our learning outside. Please try and make sure that your child always has a waterproof in school as the weather can change quickly. If we are doing an extra activity that we think children will need wellies for a text will be sent.
Art	This half term the children will be painting in Art. Please can you send in a painting apron or and old shirt or T-shirt. This will help us to protect school uniforms as much as possible. It will really help us if you could ensure that this item is named – thank you.
Texts/Letters	We always try to inform you of any changes or additions to our routines usually by way of text or by an electronic letter.
Homework	Your child will bring their reading books home daily and we ask that you read with them every day and write a comment/initial in their reading diary. Your child won't receive new books every day as it is really important that they read the same book several times to support their fluency and confidence. Spellings, handwriting and a short maths activity will be sent home every Friday and we will also send home a 'love of reading book.' This will be a book that your child is interested in reading but probably can't read on their own yet. Please can a grown up share this with them. Please can your child hand in their completed homework on a Wednesday.
Reading	We will read daily in our phonics sessions. We also have daily story time sessions where the teacher will read to the children. In these sessions we will answer questions and join in with repeated phrases. We will also visit our school library as well as have other opportunities to read for pleasure in class. Please ensure that book bags, diaries and reading books are in school every day. Where possible please try and read your child's reading books with them daily and make a comment/initial in your child's diary. Little and often is key!
Achievements	We will have an achievement assembly every Monday to celebrate the successes of the previous week. In this assembly we will celebrate class attendance and select two 'stars of the week' from each class. These children will receive a certificate and will be celebrated in assembly. In Class Brook we will be demonstrating the values of elephants. Every Friday we will select a child who has demonstrated one of our values and they will receive a certificate, as well as getting to take our class mascot home for

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