



Welcome to Key Stage One

General information

Our 'normal' school day starts at 8:40am and ends at 3:10pm.

This year, our school gates will be open 8:30am and the children will come straight into class where they will be greeted by their class teacher or another member of our Key Stage One department. **All** children should come through Miss Jones' and Miss O'Donnell's classroom doors which are situated at the back of the Key Stage One building, connecting to the playground.

At the end of the day, children can be collected from **3pm**. Miss Jones' and Miss O'Donnell's class can be collected from their classroom doors which are situated on the Key Stage One playground. Children in Mrs Weekes' class can also be collected from Miss Jones' or Miss O'Donnell's classroom doors.

Staff-

Teachers:

Miss Jones (Key Stage Lead)

Miss O'Donnell

Mrs Weekes

Support Staff:

Mrs Attwood

Mrs Nuttall

Mrs Stephenson

Mrs Begum

Children who go to our Annex Club (before or after school club) will be brought over by a member of the Annex Club staff in the morning and the same at the end of the school day.

Learning environment

"Play is the highest expression of human development in childhood for it alone is the free expression of what is in a child's soul." – Friedrich Froebel

"You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation." - Plato

In Key Stage One, we work as a continuous provision setting which aims to stimulate your child's development through the highest form of learning. This type of learning provides many opportunities for your child to successfully progress socially and academically. We have over 15 areas of provision, which all children can access daily. Each area has reading and writing opportunities and endless open-ended tasks that the children can complete at their own level.

Expectations of learning and the quality of children's work is one of our main focuses which is portrayed through your children's fantastic work over each academic year.

PE

This year, we are asking children to continue to come to school in their PE kits on their allocated PE day.

ALL Key Stage One children will need to come to school in their PE kits on a **Monday**.

(Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name)

Continuing on from last year, if the weather is inclement, children can also wear navy joggers/leggings but NO football kits.

Spellings and reading

Please note – reading books will be sent home w.b. Monday 13th September

Spellings will be sent home on a **Friday** and your child will be tested on them the following Friday, please practice them at home.

Children can bring their book bags into school everyday however, reading books will only be changed on a **Friday**. Children will be sent home with two books to enjoy during the week. Please write in your child's reading journal when they have completed the books or make a note of any other books they have enjoyed at home.

Snack and water bottles

Children can bring in healthy snacks to enjoy in the morning. **Please ensure all snacks brought into school are nut free and are individually wrapped.** Snacks need to be placed in throw away bags.

Children can bring water bottles from home however, they need to be clearly labelled. Children will bring their water bottles home every night and we ask that they are washed thoroughly each night.

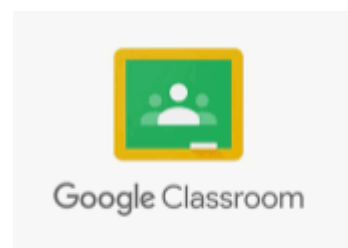
Key Stage One snack fund

We are kindly asking for donations of 50p per child per week to buy supplies for our enhanced provision areas and to buy a variety of healthy snacks for our snack area. We would like to thank you in advance for any kind donations.

Please note that snacks this year provided for the children shall be individually wrapped so there is less cross contamination between the children.

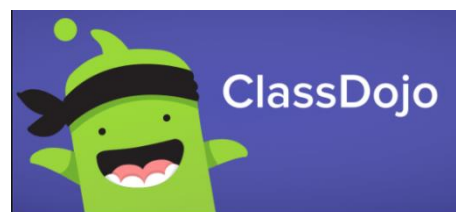
Google Classroom

New Google Classrooms have been set up. New codes for each class will be sent out soon once the children are shown in school how to use it and sign into it.



Class Dojo

New Class Dojo's have been set up and you will have received a text to join your child's new Class Dojo. We use Dojo as a reward system in school. Parents can use the messaging systems on Dojo to message Class Teachers. We will also send reminds on Class Dojo regarding events/dates in school. Please note teachers will only respond during working/in school hours.



TimesTables Rockstars and NumBots

Children in Year 2 should already have their log in for both NumBots and TTRS as they will stay the same. Year 1 children will be set up soon and their login will be sent home. These programmes allow children to practice their timetables. If any Year 2 children have misplaced or forgotten their login, please email Miss Jones. Once they are all set up, the login details will be placed on a sticker on the inside of the children's reading journals.

Twitter

Every day, your children work extremely hard in the provision and during our focus groups to create some truly amazing work. Therefore, we want to show this to you. Each of the class teachers have their own school twitter accounts to show you what activities we do each day.

@Miss_JonesSTM

@MissODonnellSTM

@MrsWeekesSTM

Follow us! 😊



Contacting staff

If you wish to contact your child's teacher regarding any concerns, please ring the school office to make an appointment or request a phone call back. Additionally our emails are listed below. Teachers will only contact you during normal school hours.

Miss Jones- jjones@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk

Miss O'Donnell – NODonnell@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk

Mrs Weekes – aweekes@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and ask us.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Jones, Miss O'Donnell and Mrs Weekes.