



Hello Everybody



Welcome back to Corvedale School Class One with an extra big welcome to our new class members. I hope you have all had a very good summer break. It has been lovely having all the children back in school. There has been lots of reconnecting and catching up and the new class members have settled in so happily and confidently you would not know they are just at the start of their school journey.

I hope this letter will help to explain the routines and plans for Class One this term. Please read it together and take time to talk to your child about what they should expect.

This week has been very much about settling in and getting used to being in the classroom. If you have any questions, please email me at sue.rook@corvedaleprimary.co.uk or phone school.

What to Wear and Bring:

Children need to wear school uniform. As it becomes colder your child might also want to wear a vest/t-shirt underneath to keep warm.

Everyday your child needs to come to school with:

- a jumper or cardigan
- a gaiter or coat
- a named water bottle
- packed lunch (if not having free dinners)

Please also send in a **named PE kit** to leave at school. In class 1

we encourage children not to bring toys or pencil cases into school as they can become very distressed if they are lost or broken accidentally. Thank you.

If your child does have something special they would like to share please send it in on a Friday with a note or accompanying brief description in an email for the afternoon and the children can share with the class.



Morning Routine and Classroom:



When the children arrive at school, they will separate from their parent at the school field gate and then walk to the outside classroom door where they will be welcomed into the class. New Reception children may be walked to the gate or door by their parent to help them to settle in. The children will put their coat and bags on their named pegs in the smaller room. Each morning there will be a morning activities set out for the children and then they choose what they wish

to play with and join their friends. Because of the changes in class structure Year 2 children will go to Class 2 at 9am for their targeted Maths Lesson with Mrs Condra. Reception and Year 1 will remain in Class 1. During the day the children will move around the class freely, joining activities, learning in differing groups, practicing skills and playing.

Learning:



Our first priority when the children come into school will be to help them settle into the new school life so they can become confident and happy learners. We will begin our term exploring feelings and Personal Social and Emotional Development and focus on basic skills in reading, writing and maths. This will help us to establish which skills individual

children will need to move forward in their learning. There will be a very strong emphasis on reading enjoyment and learning to read. Children will be given reading books to share at home. Please pop them back into the children's bags every day as we will get them out and check who has read and change the books when needed.



Our strong and robust phonics teaching will be a main focus to support reading, and we will develop and build on each individual child's learning needs.

There will be a Phonics information evening arranged for the parents of the new Reception children during the first half term for Class 1 and Class 2. This is not only to explain Phonics procedures at Corvedale for new Reception Children

parents but also to explain our Phonics Book Scheme to all KS1 parents.

We will also focus on the development of fine motor and handwriting skills and number and Maths understanding using a mastery approach.

In Class 1 our main 'Theme' this term will be All About Me. The children will explore this topic through all areas of the curriculum with a strong emphasis on Science learning linked to Humans and Animals and how we change as we get older. If possible, please could you send in a baby photo of your child for display. We can photocopy it and send originals home for safekeeping. We will also investigate where we live and different types of communities through our Geography and in History be finding out about Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and The Great Fire of London. We also plan to do an Assembly on the Gunpowder Plot towards the end of this half-term.

In each area of the curriculum there will be a strong focus towards vocabulary and skills for progression.

Class 1 Typical Timetable

Children in at 8.45am	8.45-9.00	9.00-9.45	9.45-10.30	10.30-11.15	11.15-12.00	12.00-1.00	1.00-1.45	1.45-2.30	2.30-3.15	
	Registration and Morning activities	Session 1 Maths	Assembly Break	Session 2 Language	Session 3 English	Lunch	Session 4	Session 6	Session 7	
Monday	R/Y1/Y2	R/Y1 (Y2 go to Class 2)		R/Y1 (Y2 go to Class 2)	R/Y1/Y2		R/Y1/Y2 Topic/Science/other subjects			
Tuesday	R/Y1/Y2	R/Y1 (Y2 go to Class 2)		R/Y1 (Y2 go to Class 2)	R/Y1/Y2		R/Y1 Forest School			
Wednesday	R/Y1/Y2	Wake Up Sing Up		Class 1 Music	Language R/Y1/Y2 All in Class 1		English R/Y1/Y2	PE R/Y1/Y2	BREAK	R/Y1/Y2 Topic
Thursday	R/Y1/Y2	R/Y1 (Y2 go to Class 2)		R/Y1 (Y2 go to Class 2)	R/Y1/Y2		R/Y1/Y2 Topic		R/Y1 Child Initiated Y2 (targeted extension tasks)	
Friday	R/Y1/Y2	R/Y1 (Y2 go to Class 2)	Class 1 R/Y1/Y2 PE		Language R/Y1 (Y2 go to Class 2)		Computing AS R/Y1/Y2		R/Y1/Y2 PSHE/Show and Tell	Assembly

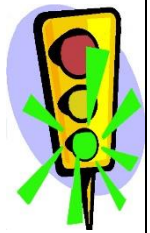


Lunchtime:

All of Class 1 have free school meals which are extremely popular! A menu informing you of the delicious options for each day will be sent out with the newsletter weekly. The children eat their lunch in the hall. We will line up and go into the hall together as a class where they will choose their place on the designated tables and then their food from the trolley. For Class 1 the class teachers accompany them into the hall to support the children will then go outside for a play together.

Reward Charts:

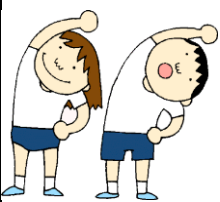
Children each have their name on a chart where they can colour their own reward square they earn for showing a positive attitude to learning and school life. The themes for these will be taken from the school values They need to earn 20 squares to fill a marble for their House Group and have some treasure from the treasure box. They all need to complete 3 marbles per half-term in order to achieve a class treat.



Toileting:

Class 1 will be using the main school toilets but can use the toilets in pre-school if needed. Children can access the toilets at any time when needed. Please encourage your child to be confident to ask to use the toilet when they need to. We will support the new Reception with this as much as possible giving them older 'toilet buddies' if needed. We will also encourage the children and give regular opportunities to go.

Physical Activities



PE lessons are scheduled for Wednesday and Friday each week and will be held outside (weather permitting). Wednesday's lesson will be led by Mrs Dillon and Mr Croton (Jack) will lead the Friday sessions. It would be helpful for the children to have a PE kit in school at all times. Please also name kit as items are sometimes mislaid during changing times.

Once we have settled in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will continue with our very popular Forest School afternoons up at Millichope. We will inform you and send out information when these begin.

Year 2 will be doing Art with Mr Brough and RE with Mrs Condra on these afternoons.



Thank you for taking the time to read all this information. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns at any time.

Susan Rook