



Year 1
Miss Westby
Spring Term 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new year! We hope you've had a fantastic break with your families and that 2026 will be an amazing year of learning.

If you have any questions, then please remember I am always here to help; either speak to me at the end of the day, contact me via class dojo or email the school office:

office@harwood-meadows.bolton.sch.uk

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HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD

- Read with your child at home. If possible, at least 3 times a week. Please remember to sign your child's reading record.
- Practise spellings, number bonds and number facts.
- Encourage your child to develop their independence, remembering their water bottles, packed lunches and coats, as well as fastening coats and laces.
- Remind your child to hand in any letters or reply slips to their teacher.
- Check your child's reading packet each day.
- Check Class Dojo for any messages and updates of learning.

We are...
Aspirational
Resilient
Kind

THINGS TO REMEMBER

TUESDAY is our P.E. day. Please come to school dressed in your PE kit (navy shorts and red t-shirt). Earrings must be taken out at home, please. Some weeks we will have an additional PE lesson on a **THURSDAY**, I will let you know when this is via Class Dojo.

UNIFORM: Please make sure that your child's uniform is clearly labelled; we have so many children that items of uniform and P.E. kit are easily lost. Children with long hair must have it tied back in a hair bobble.

WATER BOTTLES: Please make sure that children bring a clearly labelled water bottle into school each day. Please try and send them in with water if possible, and not juice.

HOMEWORK: Will be sent home each Friday and is due back each Wednesday.

SNACK: All children in KS1 are offered healthy fruit each day, these vary from raisins, pears, apples etc. You can also send your child to school with a healthy snack in addition to this e.g. fruit, yogurt, breakfast bar. No nuts please.

READING BOOKS: Reading books will be changed every **MONDAY**. Please bring your child's reading book into school every day.

SPELLINGS: All children will receive spellings on a **MONDAY**. These will be sent via Class Dojo. They will be tested on these spellings at the end of the week, on **FRIDAY**. The spellings will be related to the book they are reading that week. Please practice writing these at home.

READING BOOKS

Your child will bring home a Read, Write, Inc. book bag book which is linked to the level they are working at. The books are closely linked with the book read in school and offer additional practise reading the graphemes taught that week. Please read with your child every day and sign their diary. Reading books will be changed at least once a week and a new book will be allocated. Children will read at different times during the week. Please ensure your child brings their reading book and diary to school every day.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Friday 13th February** – School Finishes at 3:30pm for 1 week Half Term
- **Monday 23rd February** – Back to School
- **Thursday 5th March** – World Book Day
- **Tuesday 10th / Wednesday 11th March** – Parent Conference
- **Thursday 12th March** – Year 1 Class Assembly
- **Thursday 19th March** – Year 1 Trip to Blackpool Zoo
- **Wednesday 1st April** – Deadline for Egg Creation Entries
- **Thursday 2nd April** – School Finishes at 3:30pm for Easter Holidays
- **Monday 20th April** – Back to School

SUBJECT OVERVIEWS

MATHS: Place Value (within 20); Addition and Subtraction (within 20); Place Value (within 50); Length and Height; Mass and Volume.

ENGLISH: Curious Quest – Basic Skills; Capital Letters for Places; Suffix's 'ed' and 'ing'; Question Marks

SCIENCE: Animals including Humans; Plants

HISTORY: Houses and Homes

GEOGRAPHY: United Kingdom: 4 Countries and Capital Cities

COMPUTING: Computer Science – Algorithm

PE: Dance; developing sending and receiving skills including throwing and catching, rolling, kicking, tracking and stopping a ball.

PSHE: Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me

RE: Key questions – Who is Jewish and how do they live? Why does Easter matter to Christians?

MUSIC: In the Groove; Round and Round – Listening to different musical styles

ART: Drawing using pencils

SCHOOL RULES

Ready ... Respectful ... Safe

CLASS DOJOS

Children will earn dojos in class all year towards their bronze, silver and gold badges.



50 dojos = Bronze 100 dojos = Silver 150 dojos = Gold 200 = Platinum

If you haven't signed up already, you will receive a parent sign up code so you can follow your child's progress.

