

# Year 1 Newsletter Autumn Term 2026

## Routines and Expectations

- At the start and end of the school day, children will arrive and exit through the WHITE Year 1 door. In the morning, the Year 1 door will be open for children to arrive between 8:40am and 8:45am.
- As safeguarding is so important, please ensure that you have informed the school office and staff on the door (before the end of the school day) of any unfamiliar adults that are not recognised by the class teacher who maybe picking up your child.
- As safety is our priority, if you would like to speak to the class teacher please ensure that you wait until all children are dismissed from the Year 1 door at the end of the day.
- Children are welcome to bring a water and juice/squash bottle into school. However, **only water** is to be consumed within the classroom.
- P.E. days will be on Mondays and Fridays.** On these days children will need to wear their PE kit. Please ensure that **earrings are removed** and **no jewellery is present**.
- Please ensure that ALL uniform, including PE is clearly labelled. (Please check - as sometimes labels wash out)
- Earrings need to be a plain stud.
- Owlet cards (badges) are available to download from the school's website.
- Please ensure that you order school dinners for the following week.

## Reading at Mount Pleasant

Reading is at the heart of all we do. We endeavour to promote a love of reading throughout our classroom. It begins with high-quality phonics teaching to become a fluent reader. Children will have a daily phonics lesson to support their reading journey. Each child will read with a member of staff each week either in a group or individually. Reading books will be matched to the children's phonics levels and these will be assessed regularly. Reading books will be changed weekly and children can also take home a library book of their choice. Alongside this, we will be reading a range of stories with the children to expose them to a variety of genres and authors. If you have any favourite books at home that you would like to share with us, please bring them in!

### Our expectations

**Your child will have a reading record to share and showcase their reading routine outside of school; it tracks your child's reading journey. We ask that parents (and where appropriate, children) write in these regularly.** Our magic number with reading is **20** – 20 minutes as often as possible. Inside the reading record there are also useful pages to help support phonic knowledge. **Reading is a key skill and we firmly believe that children who read well, do well.**

Our vision: Believe it, Achieve it

Our key values: Relationships, Respect, Resilience

Our rules: Kind words, Kind actions

Our expectations around school:

Be Polite, Peaceful, Purposeful



The team in Year 1 this year is:



Mrs Poole



Miss Cartwright



Mrs Hammond

## Our Mount Pleasant Learning Adventures

We aim to provide a broad, balanced and exciting curriculum from Nursery to the end of Year 6. This includes ensuring our children have a wide range of experiences to enrich their learning both in and out of the classroom. Staff and curriculum leads have been working hard to ensure our evolving curriculum develops the skills and knowledge needed to create passionate and excited life-long learners. Following on from the success from last academic year, the children will focus on two Learning Adventures per year. This will enable children to spend more time developing a deep understanding of key topics. We have ensured that we cover all National Curriculum subjects and objectives, as well as offering visits and after school clubs to make learning even more memorable.

### Maths – Rapid Recall

Our mathematics team have made some changes: maths challenges have now been replaced with a rapid recall programme, designed to help improve automaticity with key skills in mathematics across the curriculum. Please ensure that you have read the recent School Spider letter from Mrs Phillips & Mrs Poole regarding this important change.

## *Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility*

At Mount Pleasant we take the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils very seriously. Our Safeguarding team can also offer advice and support on a range of issues or give you ideas on where you can access further support.

If you are concerned about the safety of a child, please see a member of our Safeguarding Team or report it to Children's Services 0300 555 0050 (9am – 5pm) 0300 555 8574 (out of office hours) or in an emergency dial 999

### Safeguarding Team

Mrs Grinsell



Mrs Jones



Mrs Priest



## Nut Free School

We would like to remind you of the following points to help minimise the risks for our children with serious allergies:

- Avoid giving children peanuts/nuts in school packed lunches
- Avoid giving peanut butter sandwiches, other spreads containing nuts such as Nutella and snacks/bars obviously containing nuts or labelled "may contain nuts" in school lunches
- Children must not share their lunch
- Children will be given fruit as their daily snack

## Home Learning

Please bear with us whilst we settle your children in. Further information will be provided soon about each learning platform (this will be a staggered release). Once up and running, the children will need to complete the following:

- Spelling Shed
- Rapid Recall
- Reading – our magic number is 20.