

Hello Everyone,

Our class will be The Smartest Giants in Tankersley. The class teachers are Mrs Beevor (Monday-Wednesday) and Miss Bennison (Thursday and Friday). Our class teaching assistant is Mrs Hendry. We have many exciting learning opportunities planned in Year 1 and we are so looking forward to being inquisitive learners with you.

Our first topic in the Autumn term is space. We thought it would be a good idea to tell you a little bit about ourselves.



Yummy!

My name is Mrs Beevor and I will be teaching you on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I love teaching and helping you to become the best you can be. My personal love is teaching mathematics, showing you how to use lots of different equipment to have a good understanding of numbers and to help you problem solve. I have two sons, Joseph, who is 12 and George who is 10. We are a very active family and enjoy walking, running, football, cricket and cycling. We also enjoy sharing books together and our favourite author at the moment is Vashti Hardy. My favourite drink is a cup of tea with a chocolate biscuit to dunk in to it!



My name is Miss Bennison and I will be teaching you on a Thursday and Friday. I love teaching English lessons at school and I am looking forward to exploring picture books together and watching you all learn to read with confidence and independence. At home I have 2 children, Ava who is almost 7 and Max who is nearly 5. We love to go for walks in the woods with our dog Alfie and we have lots of fun paddling in the river and splashing in puddles (the muddier the better!)



My name is Mrs Hendry and I have worked at Tankersley St Peter's for 22 years! I have worked within Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 and many of you have already met me in Read, Write Inc sessions. I am very creative and love teaching art. I have two grown up daughters, Holly and Christie and a dog called Bob. I enjoy the outdoors and in the summer I spend lots of my time in my garden.

We are really looking forward to getting to know you and your family. We hope you have a fun summer holiday and look forward to going on a super learning journey with you. We will have so much fun!

Love Mrs Beevor, Miss Bennison and Mrs Hendry



Dear Parents,

Transition from Reception to Year 1

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage 1. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. Learning will be based around an enquiry approach and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners.

Here is some information that you may find useful.

Snacks and water bottles

The children's drinks and snacks will be kept outside on the corridor on top of the trolley. Please make sure that your child's water bottle is labelled with their name. The school provides free fruit every day for your child. If your child would

like to bring a healthy snack to school they can. No chocolate, sweets or crisps can be eaten at break times. Bags and coats will be hung on their peg in the cloakroom.

PE/Uniform

PE will be on a Tuesday and Friday. Your child will need a plain t-shirt, black shorts and trainers all named. Please also ensure that your child is not wearing earrings on PE days. Some PE sessions will be outside so jogging bottoms and a jumper may be required, as the weather turns cooler. We encourage children to practise getting dressed at home to help them get changed quickly at school.

Morning routine

Children will line up on the playground and be collected by the class teacher. Children will come into the cloakroom independently. There will be a member of staff to help your child find their coat peg.

Reading

It is important to support your child with their reading at home. At the end of the week, your child will bring home the book that they have been practising during their RWI lessons. It is therefore expected that they should be able to read this story very well and it is being sent home to show parents how well they can read it. Children enjoy re-reading stories they know well. It improves not only their fluency but also their self-esteem. In order to reinforce the children's phonics learning we are also going to send home a second book, which is called a 'Book Bag Book'. These books correspond to the RWI Storybooks. Thus, they reinforce children's learning of phonics, helping them to make even faster progress in reading. These books will be sent home every Friday and we ask that they are returned to school everyday, along with the reading record. These will be kept in school from Wednesday to Friday so they can be changed. It is crucial that the books are returned promptly as they are needed for the delivery of RWI lessons. We have invested a lot of money, therefore we must ask that you take care of the books and send them back to school in the new RWI book bags.

We ask for parents to hear their child read as frequently as possible and record any comments about their reading in the home / school reading record. The reading records will be checked each week and those children who have read at home will receive a reading token, which will then be placed into a weekly prize draw. Your child will have an allocated day when they read with Mrs Beevor or Miss Bennison in a guided group session.

Homework

Homework will be given to your child every Thursday. It will be sent home in a plastic folder, which we ask the children to return on Monday with the completed homework inside.

Your child will receive five spellings each week on a Thursday. These spellings should be practised in preparation for a spelling test the following Friday. Your child may find it easier to learn their spellings in a different way rather than writing them on the sheet. You could try magnetic letters on a baking tray. Ask your child to write them on a chalkboard or outside using chalk. There is a free app you can download which is a chalkboard which children enjoy to use. If it is made fun, the children will find it easier to learn them!

Homework will begin in week 4 of the first half term.

We look forward to teaching your child in September.

Many thanks

Mrs Beevor and Miss Bennison