



Tudor Grange Primary Academy

**Meon Vale**

**Year 1 Class 2021**

**'Willows'**



# A Warm Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Tudor Grange Primary Academy Meon Vale Year 1 'Willows' Class. For those children returning to us from 'Little Oaks', our Reception Class, welcome back!

Your child has now moved from Early Years Foundation Stage into Year 1 of Key Stage 1. There will be new ways of learning and lots of new things to remember but you will have two familiar faces with you! Miss Middleton is continuing in Year 1 and Mrs Burroughs is returning from maternity leave to join us in September.

We aim to build on the skills and foundations of learning that Reception have started. We will continue to develop their attitudes to learning and encourage them to consider how they work best. We will all work together to develop the whole child and their personal interests, indoors and outdoors. Developing their moral compass and mental-wellbeing throughout the year is something that we do alongside our learning, to ensure that we are always preparing them for the next stages of their school journey.

This booklet has been written to help your child to know a little about the staff, teachers and the learning that will occur in Year 1. We hope that it will provide some of the answers to the many questions that you may have. However, if at any time you have a concern then please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bolter or ourselves.

We are really looking forward to your child starting in Year 1. With your support we are confident that your child will achieve both success and happiness.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Middleton

Year 1 Teacher

Mrs Burroughs

Year 1 TA



## Our School Team

**Principal** – Mrs. Jodie Bolter

**Principal's PA** – Miss. Andrea Green

Seedlings (Nursery Class)

**Class Teacher** – Miss. Sarah Harris

**Play worker** – Miss. Vanessa Strachan

**Play worker** – Miss. Emma Smith

Little Oaks (Reception Class)

**E.Y. Lead/Class Teacher** – Mrs. Claire Cotton

**Class Teacher** – Miss. Victoria Wood

**Teaching Assistant** – Miss. Jessica Watkins

Willows (Year 1)

**Class Teacher** – Miss. Jessica Middleton

**Teaching Assistant** – Mrs. Miranda Burroughs

Birch (Year 2)

**Class Teacher** – Miss. Laura Hodges

**Teaching Assistant** – Miss. Lucy Ogier



# Willows Team

Miss. J. Middleton



Class Teacher  
Willows Teacher

## Willows (Year 1 Class)

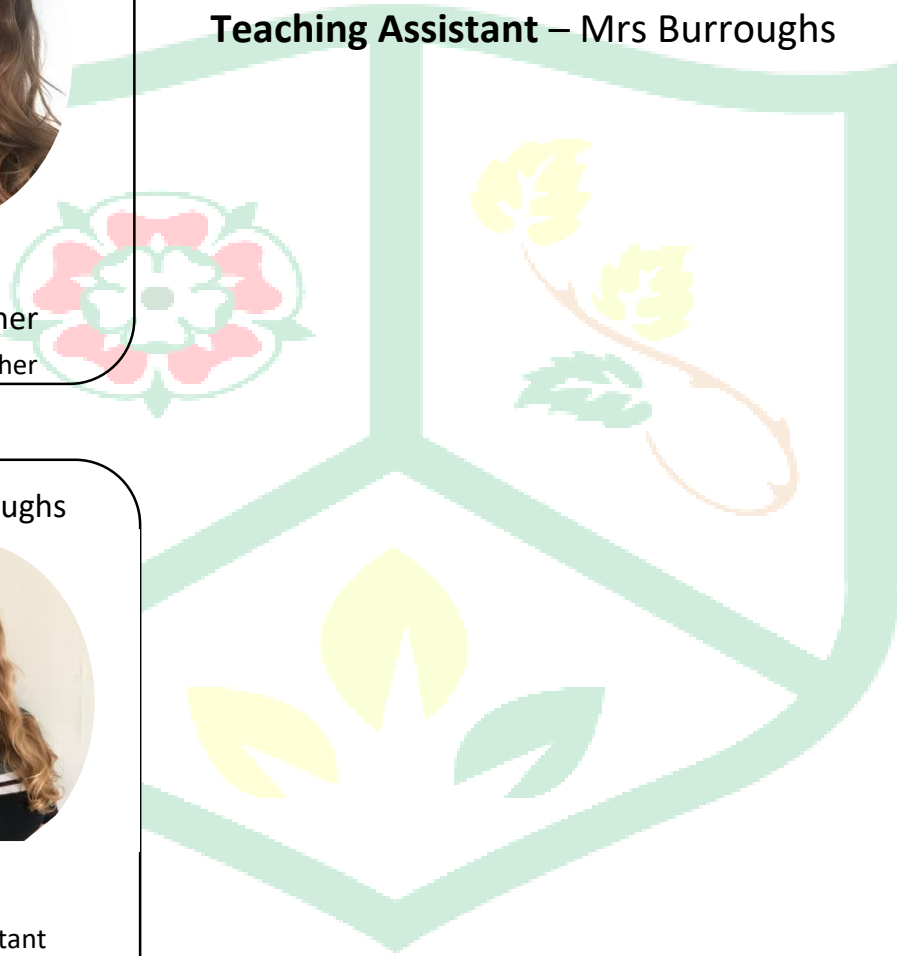
**Year 1 Class Teacher – Miss Middleton**

**Teaching Assistant – Mrs Burroughs**

Mrs. M. Burroughs



Teacher Assistant  
Willows TA

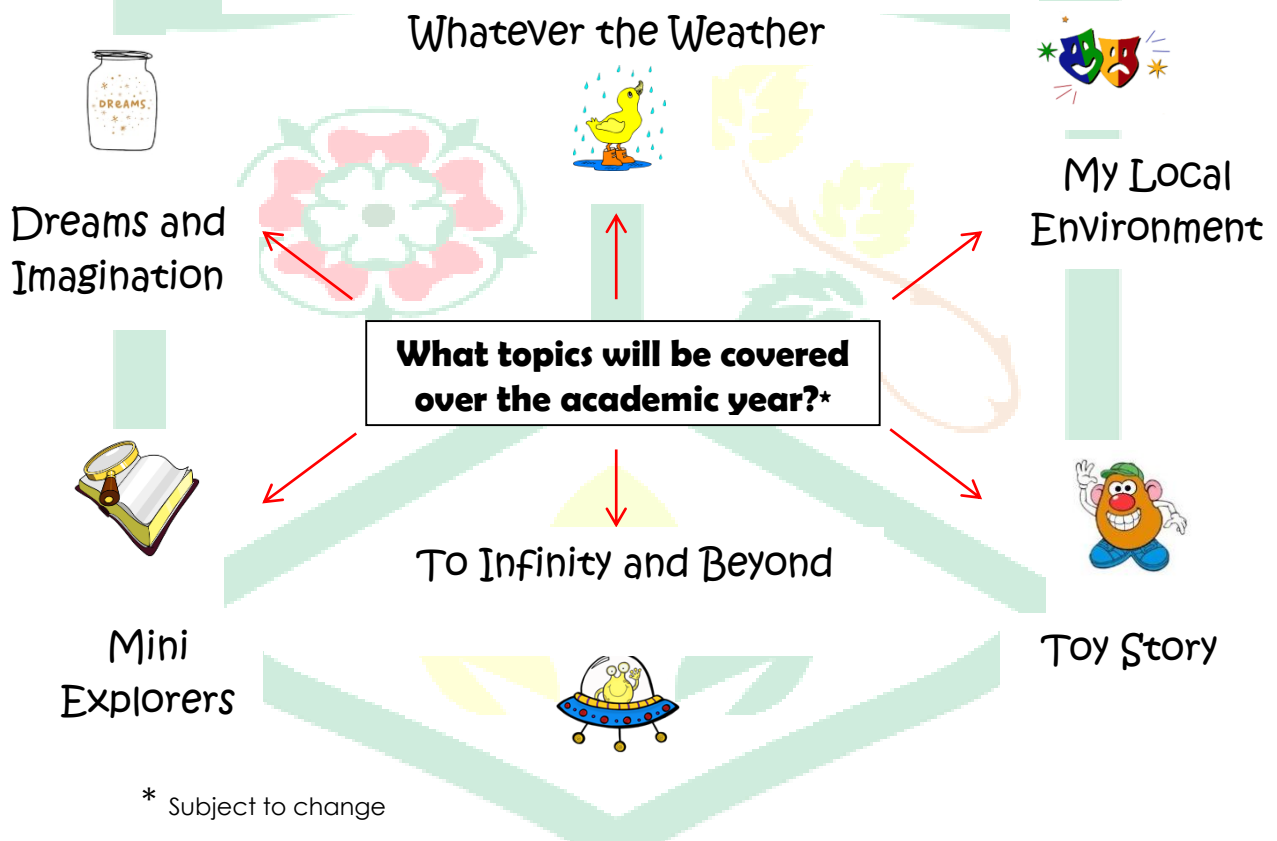




# The Learning Environment

The Year 1 classroom will be on the ground floor of the new school building. A welcoming, exciting and stimulating classroom is crucial to ensure that children settle quickly into their new learning environment. They will have access to a wide range of high quality experiences/resources that will challenge and extend their learning, whilst enhancing all 11 areas of the National Curriculum. We are passionate about child-led learning and the children will tackle a variety of creative tasks over the school day, independently and in focus groups.

## The Creative Curriculum



## Working in Partnership with Parents

At TGPA Meon Vale we aim to develop an honest and friendly relationship that will encourage, recognise and support home and school as part of your child's everyday experience. The key to any successful partnership is effective communication between yourselves and the school. We believe that by the parents and the school working together, this support will enable your child to really enjoy coming to school and this in turn will aid your child in their learning development.

If at any time you have any concerns or issues, then please talk them through with Miss Middleton or Mrs Burroughs. Please be mindful of the fact that it is often difficult for a teacher to talk at the beginning of the morning session, or when they have a roomful of children who are in need of the teacher's attention. We recommend that you arrange an appointment at the end of the school day.



## The School Routines



If your child is being collected by a relative, family friend or is going for a playdate, please can you confirm this in writing. Can you also please ensure that you are on time to collect your child, as it can be upsetting for them if they feel that they have been 'left behind'.

The normal school day starts at 8:45am. Children arrive and come in through the gates from 8:30am onwards and they wait on the playground. This is the place where, at break times and lunchtimes, the children can play with their friends and the outdoor equipment. There will always be a member of the leadership team on the school gate to greet them and the class teachers will be on the playground.

The school day ends at 3:00pm. When you come to collect your child at the end of the day, please stand on the infant playground in a place where your child will be able to see you. Miss Middleton or Mrs Burroughs will bring the class out and they will form a line on the ramp outside the school building. The children will be given clear instructions that they must raise their hand when they see their parent. Once we have seen you, your child will be dismissed. If the teacher has any concerns or things about the school day that they wish to discuss this is when they will communicate with you.

Temporarily, while distancing measures are still in place, the Year 1 school day will start at 8.30am and end at 2.30pm.

## The Class Timetable

At the beginning of Year 1, the day is run in a similar way to EYFS. Each day the children take part in a variety of formal teacher sessions on the carpet where key skills are taught, followed by a range of structured activities across different areas, including arts, craft and the foundation subjects. Some lessons will be structured as whole class teaching sessions, while others will be run as focus groups. Whilst some children engage with focus group activities, the other children will access independent 'busy' tasks that deepen and challenge children's understanding. Phonics, English and Maths are taught daily and your child will bring home spellings and reading homework after the first few weeks of term.

The afternoon mirrors the morning with a carpet input followed by independent and focus activities in which children are given the time to become absorbed in their own learning. We finish the day with circle times, celebration sessions, music or storytelling.

The children take part in a P.E. session once a week. We will have a wonderful new school hall and playing field where we can carry out these lessons.

There are many opportunities offered to the children to support our Creative Curriculum throughout the academic year such as school trips, topic celebrations and themed days, to name just a few.



# School Uniform

**PLEASE NAME LABEL ALL COATS, SHOES AND ALL ITEMS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM INCLUDING P.E. KIT**



## GIRLS

Winter uniform:

- Bottle green blazer
- White polo shirt with school logo
- Grey school pinafores/skirts
- Grey tights
- Black shoes

Summer uniform

- Green striped dress
- White socks
- Black shoes (no sandals)



## BOYS

Winter uniform:

- Bottle green blazer
- White polo shirt with school logo
- Grey school trousers
- Grey socks
- Black shoes

Summer uniform:

- White polo shirt
- Grey shorts
- Grey socks
- Black shoes (no sandals)

Black shoes - Should be lace-up, buckle or Velcro shoes with low heels (no open toe shoes, trainers or boots in school). Please bear in mind when buying shoes your child will have to change them during the school day so it is a good idea to practise prior to starting school if they have a more difficult fastening.

Ensure your child has a coat that matches the weather. In winter it is vital that they bring a waterproof coat with a hood which they are able to fasten themselves.

In summer they must bring a sun hat and have sun cream applied before school.

Jewellery should not be worn because of the risk associated with accidents. Girls may wear tiny ear studs provided they are able to remove them or tape over them for P.E. Long hair should always be tied back as appropriate.



## P.E. KIT

- **A named drawstring green shoe bag or school logo backpack.**
- **Black slip-on pumps**
- **Green t-shirt**
- **Black shorts**

Uniform containing the school logo is available to purchase online from:

Schoolwear Solutions: <http://www.schoolwearsolutions.com/>





# Snacks and School Lunches

Before going out for morning play the children are offered a free fruit or vegetable snack as part of the funded 'School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme'. This provides 1 of their 5 a day portions and supports the healthy living work studied in class. Our snack times are sociable times and encourage the children share, take turns, demonstrate their great manners and take part in circle time discussions.

The children and staff all enjoy lunch together currently in the classroom, but eventually this will take place in our new school dining area. Your child may opt for one of the freshly made, home cooked school dinners. You choose from a selection of three meals per day in advance so you can ensure your child has something you know they will enjoy, otherwise they can bring their own healthy packed lunch. The food provided in school is healthy, high quality and meets the nutritional needs for a range of dietary requirements.

## What your child needs to bring to school

- A suitable waterproof coat with a hood.
- A named water bottle for the classroom. Please only send still drinking water, no squash, sparkling water, juice or fizzy drinks are allowed. Please do not put your child's drink in their book bag.
- School logo Rucksack containing sports kit – as listed previously. The bag will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed and returned the following term. During term time these will remain on your child's peg.
- Named wellingtons.
- Book bag – your child must bring this daily. They will bring home all of their letters and homework in it. Please note, once reading homework starts reading books and diaries must remain in book bag and be brought in each day.
- Lunch box – If your child is bringing a packed lunch then this goes underneath their peg.

## First day of school

- Arrive on time at the front door into school, but not too early. You don't want to build anxiety.
- Leave cheerfully and we will let you know how their day has gone at the end!







# Curriculum Topics for the Autumn Term

## ENGLISH

- Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers
- Poetry



## SCIENCE

- Weather and seasons.
- Animals including humans.

## RE

- Christianity and Islam – Creation Stories.
- Christianity and Christmas.

## MUSIC and COMPUTING

- Digital Literacy (Online Safety).
- Key Computing Skills (logging on, word processing, presentations, saving work etc).

## PSHE

- Being Me in My World.
- Celebrating Difference.

## ART

- Drawing and painting (Claude Monet and Yayoi Kusama)

## MATHEMATICS

- Number: Place Value (within 10)
- Number: Addition and Subtraction (within 10)
- Geometry: Shape
- Number: Place Value (within 20)

## HISTORY

- What is History?

## GEOGRAPHY

- Where do I live? Local area studies.

## PE

- Fundamental Skills – Movement skills.
- Gymnastics.



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# Finally...

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We hope that this booklet has answered some of the questions you may have about your child going into Year 1. Children's education is a partnership between the teachers and the parents/carers. We value your support, as we hope that you will value our hard work and professional judgements.

We look forward to you and your child continuing or becoming part of our thriving community at TGPA Meon Vale!

