

A PARENTS GUIDE TO...



# Starting Year Two September 2017



PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THIS DOCUMENT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS THEN PLEASE PHONE THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET WITH A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM.

# WELCOME TO YEAR ONE

## MEET THE CLASS TEACHERS



### **ORANGE CLASS**

**Mrs Tomlin and Miss Barton**

### **YELLOW CLASS**

**Miss Thomas**

## MEET THE TEACHING ASSISTANTS



**Mrs Shoebridge**  
**Orange Class**



**Mrs Child**  
**Yellow Class**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

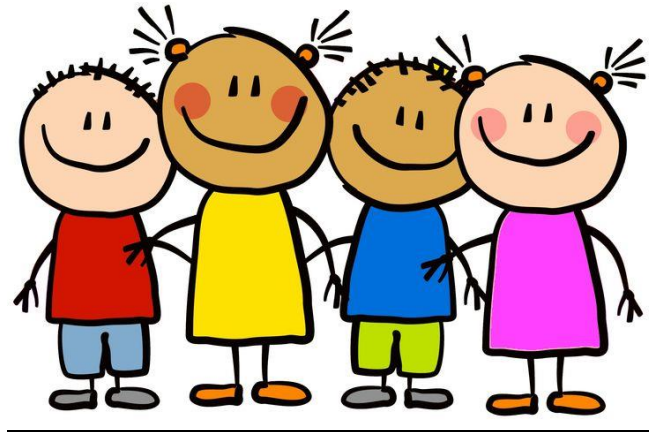
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| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2017    | - | Staff Development Day |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2017   | - | Staff Development Day |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2017     | - | Staff Development Day |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 | - | Staff Development Day |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2017         | - | Staff Development Day |

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| <b>Term One</b>   | Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September - Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 |
| <b>Term Two</b>   | Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October - Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017     |
| <b>Term Three</b> | Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January - Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018      |
| <b>Term Four</b>  | Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February - Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018      |
| <b>Term Five</b>  | Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018             |
| <b>Term Six</b>   | Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June - Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2018            |

## TRANSITION

Moving from one year group to another can be an anxious time for some children and can impact on their progress. To ensure continuity and support the needs of each individual child, the following have been arranged:

- Year One staff and Year Two staff will meet to discuss each child individually. They will talk about the progress of the child whilst being in Year One as well as other issues they feel it is important for the new class teacher to know.
- Over the last two weeks of term the Year Two teachers will be visiting the children regularly in their current classrooms and well as the opportunity for them to visit their new classrooms so that they know exactly where to go in September.
- Year Two teachers will have access to your child's online Tapestry account and will ensure that they have looked at your child's journal to gain an understanding of the kind of things your child is interested in.
- There will a Parents Evening in Term One for you to discuss how your child has settled into Year Two. Teachers will be available for parents to talk to after school if you have any issues you wish to discuss.



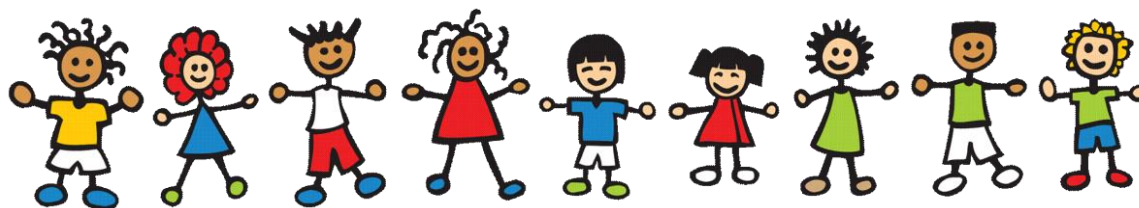
## OUR THEMES THIS YEAR WILL BE...



| <u>TERM</u> | <u>THEME</u>            |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| ONE         | Muck, Mess and Mixtures |
| TWO         | Street Detectives       |
| THREE       | Land Ahoy!              |
| FOUR        | Bounce                  |
| FIVE        | Beach Combers           |
| SIX         | Wriggle and Crawl       |

## ATTENDANCE

At Queenborough School and Nursery, we encourage high levels of attendance and punctuality as these are key factors in supporting children to achieve the best they possibly can. We recognise that children are occasionally unwell and unable to attend school and that specific and unusual circumstances can, at times, cause children to be arriving to school late. However, where possible, it is essential that children attend school regularly as poor attendance can impact upon their levels of attainment and hinder progress with their learning. Holidays are not authorised during Term Time.



# READING

In Year Two the teachers will continue to read with your child and change their books regularly to ensure your child continues to become a confident and fluent reader. It is important that your child brings their book into school daily so the adults can listen to your child as often as possible. Reading with your child at home will help your child to develop reading strategies which will help them to achieve the best they possibly can.



## Key Stage One SATs

At the end of Year 2, children will take assessments in:

- Reading
- Maths
- Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (not reported in 2017)

All assessment are due to take place in May 2018. The **Reading Test** consists of two separate papers:

- **Paper 1** - consists of a combined reading prompt and answer booklet. The paper includes a list of useful words and some practice questions for teachers to use to introduce the contexts and question types to pupils. The test takes approximately 30 minutes to complete, but is not strictly timed.
- **Paper 2** - consists of an answer booklet and a separate reading booklet. There are no practice questions on this paper. Teachers can use their discretion to stop the test early if a pupil is struggling. The test takes approximately 40 minutes to complete, but is not strictly timed.

In the **Mathematics Papers**, children will sit two tests: **Paper 1 and Paper 2:**

- **Paper 1: Arithmetic** - lasts approximately 20 minutes (but this is not strictly timed). It covers calculation methods for all operations.
- **Paper 2: Reasoning** - lasts for approximately 35 minutes, which includes time for five aural questions. Pupils will still require calculation skills and questions will be varied including multiple choice, matching, true/false, completing a chart or table or drawing a shape. Some questions will also require children to show or explain their working out.

Your child will also be teacher assessed in Science and writing. The class teacher will use the SATs papers to help form their end of year judgements. There will be a SATs meeting for Parents and Carers in Term One.

## COMMUNICATION

Effective communication between parents and the school is essential in order to build good relationships which will help to support your child's learning. If you have any concerns or worries about your child then please in the first instance speak to your child's class teacher. If you feel you require further support, then please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership team or Mrs Clare Bush, our Designated Safeguarding Lead and Well Being and Family Support Officer. We are always happy to help you

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