



1CL

Parent Information

YOUR CLASS TEAM

Mrs Leach
Class Teacher



Mrs Smart
Cover Teacher
(alternate Tuesdays)



Mr Roberts
Teaching Assistant
(Mondays)



Mrs Davidson
Teaching Assistant
(Tuesday – Friday)



THE SCHOOL DAY

8:40am Doors open — warm-up activities

8:50am Registration and morning lessons begin

10:40am Break — drink and fruit snack (no nuts)

12:15pm Lunch — free school meals for all; packed lunch welcome

1:15pm Afternoon lessons begin

3:20pm End of school day

After lunch, children enjoy OPAL outdoor play. Waterproof trousers and wellies are essential for muddy days!



CURRICULUM

In Year 1 your child's reading skills will be developing quickly as they move through the phonics scheme. In reading they will learn to:

- Blend sounds using grapheme-phoneme correspondence (GPC)
- Read common exception words
- Re-read texts to build fluency and confidence
- Make simple inferences and predictions
- Retell familiar stories with increasing detail

Learning in history, geography and science also supports reading development. Topics this year include:

Science Seasonal changes, Materials, Plants & Animals

Geography Our School, Our Town, Brilliant Beaches

History The Gunpowder Plot, History of Chester Zoo, Within Living Memory



THE PATHWAY

Our whole-school approach — five Trails woven through every subject, experience and opportunity, from Nursery to Year 6.

Performance Creativity, Confidence & Self-Expression

Social Friendships, Kindness & Emotional Intelligence

Community Responsibility, Citizenship & Belonging

Team Collaboration, Leadership & Problem-Solving

Communication Speaking, Listening & Presenting Ideas



BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

5 hands-on experiences this year, one for each Trail:

Performance Plan and play a simple beat on an outdoor drum or log

Social Make a nature crown for someone in another year group

Community Make a natural art sculpture

Team Build a habitat with friends for a chosen animal

Communication Plan and present new ideas for OPAL play

1CL — Supporting Your Child



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

Reading at home

Just 10 minutes of reading each night makes a real difference to progress and confidence.

- Read the phonics book sent home each week
- Practise the sounds, words and sentences in the phonics folder
- Share books your child enjoys — fiction and non-fiction both count
- Sign the reading diary regularly — it helps us celebrate their efforts

You can read the phonics book sent home each week, check the phonics folder and practise the words and sentences they have learnt in school.

Homework

Homework tasks are set every Thursday and published on the class page of the school website. These should be completed by the following Thursday.

Staying in touch

Throughout the year we'll invite you in to see your child's learning and celebrate their achievements. Keep an eye on the weekly bulletin so you don't miss these moments.



COMMUNICATION



Weekly Bulletin

Published every Friday via Scopay — key dates, reminders and upcoming events.



Social Media

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for daily life in school.



School Website

Curriculum overviews, policies, bulletins and homework at www.bexton.cheshire.sch.uk



Emails via Scopay

We keep email to a minimum. Check your notification preferences if you're not receiving them.



Parents' Evenings

Twice a year. Families of children with SEND Support Plans or EHCPs receive longer appointments.



In-School Events

We regularly invite parents in to celebrate learning — watch the weekly bulletin for dates.



REMINDERS

Essential kit: Wellies and waterproof trousers for outdoor play.

Daily: Coat, reading diary, reading book and folder, water bottle.

Uniform: Correct uniform including black shoes — full list on the school website.

PE kit worn to school on Tuesdays.

Bags: Keep small — limited cloakroom space.

Label everything — unlabelled items go to lost property at the front entrance.



OUR VALUES

Five values guide every child's actions, choices and relationships at Bexton — principles to live by, not just rules to follow.

Be Positive



Approach challenges with enthusiasm and optimism.

Optimism, confidence, resilience

Be Hardworking



Always put in your best effort and take pride in your work.

Determination, diligence, perseverance

Be Respectful



Treat others with kindness, fairness and understanding.

Empathy, humility, fairness

Be Kind



Show care and compassion to everyone.

Compassion, generosity, thoughtfulness

Never Give Up



Keep trying even when things get difficult.

Resilience, courage, self-discipline