



Cheadle Heath Primary School

Championing Excellence for Everyone

Welcome to Year 1 Mandela Class MEET MRS. VALLANCE & MRS. ROSE

HELLO MANDELA CLASS

Welcome to Year 1! Moving into Year 1 is an important step and we want to make this transition as positive and enjoyable as possible. We look forward to getting to know you and continuing to support your independence, confidence in learning. We are excited to share in your learning journey and celebrate your achievements along the way.

OUR CLASSROOM

In Mandela Class, we follow the school rules of Be Ready – Be Responsible – Be Respectful. Our classroom will be a happy, exciting and nurturing environment where we all feel safe, valued and ready to learn. The classroom will provide a mixture of learning opportunities, including adult-led activities, independent learning and continuous provision, allowing us to develop skills through exploration, play and discovery. We will provide opportunities for you to learn both inside and outside the classroom to build on your experiences from Reception while supporting you to become increasingly more independent, confident and curious learners throughout Year 1.

A BIT ABOUT US

We love teaching in Year 1 because every day is fun and different. Getting to know you is part of the excitement.

A little bit more about Mrs. Vallance

Hello! My name is Mrs. Vallance and I am so excited to be one of your teachers in Mandela class. I have worked at our school for a long time and I love being part of our school community. When I am not at school, I enjoy spending time with my family. I have two children and five grandchildren who keep me very busy! Three of my grandchildren live here in the UK and two live far away in Canada, so I love hearing about their adventures and visiting them when I can. I can't wait to get to know all of you and to have lots of fun learning and exploring!

A little bit more about Mrs. Rose

Hello! I am the teacher in Mandela Class on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays! I have been a teacher for just over ten years now and have spent lots of time in Years 1 and 2. I am really looking forward to being part of the KS1 team and joining the children in year one on their Cheadle Heath journey. Outside of school I am an avid reader, you will often find me curled up with a good book and a cup of tea. I have a pet dog called Ruby so I spend a lot of time outdoors going for walks and exploring different parks. I am a big fan of women's football and a keen supporter of Manchester United and of course the Lionesses! I also enjoy dancing and running and have been doing both competitively and for fun since I was at primary school. I also like going on holiday, exploring new countries and eating delicious food.

HERE ARE A FEW OF OUR FAVOURITE THINGS

MRS. VALLANCE / MRS. ROSE

Books: You Choose! / Acotar
Series by Sarah J. Maas

Colours: Grey / Blue & Green

Subject: PE / Literacy

Sport: FI / Dance

Hobbies: Zumba &
Knitting / Dancing &
Running

Animal: Dog / Panda

Film: Toy Story / Pitch Perfect

Drink: Ginger Beer / Fanta Lemon

Food: Chicken Madras / Pizza



A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT LIFE IN MANDELA CLASS

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU

- Listen carefully and join in.
- Have a go at new things.
- Use kind hands and kind words.
- Make good choices.
- Ask for help when you need it and help others when you can.

HOW WE WILL HELP YOU

- We will make learning fun and interesting and we will help everyone feel confident to share their ideas.
- We will encourage you to be brave, celebrate your efforts and help you when learning feels tricky.
- We will teach you what good choices look like and support you to make them every day.
- We will always be there to listen and help, and will encourage us all to be kind and supportive friends.

IMPORTANT INFO

- School start at 8:40am and ends at 3:15pm. Please try to be in school at 8.40am for our Do Now task as it is a really important start to the day.
- Snack: a fruit snack is provided for children in KS1. You can bring one from home but this must be fruit or vegetables.
- School lunches: please remember to order your school meal from home so that we don't waste time at the start of the school day.
- How to contact me: we can be contacted via class dojo or email. We will aim to reply within 48 hours unless it is an emergency.

HOW PARENTS / CARERS CAN HELP AT HOME

- Read together for 10 minutes every day - please sign the reading record so that we can monitor this
- Practise key words or number bonds to consolidate foundational knowledge.
- Share any changes or information promptly so we can support your child.

If you are new to English or new to our school:

We welcome all languages — tell us which languages you speak and we will help. We use lots of visuals, gestures and paired talk so everyone can join in straight away.