



TRANSITION BOOKLET

RECEPTION TO YEAR 1



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BROAD HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL
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At Broad Heath School we want the learning to be fun, exciting and stimulating. We want the children to run to school. Starting a new class can cause anxieties; we want to lessen these and create a new challenge whereby your children want to come to school and are not frightened.

To do this we all have to manage the process.

This booklet aims to tell you the details of your child’s transition into Year 1 and the role we can all play in helping this to be as smooth as possible.

If you have any queries feel free to speak to Mrs Dahil or Mrs Frankish who will be pleased to explain any details.

Curriculum Changes

The main difference between Reception and Year 1 is the change of curriculum. For two years or more, your child, has been following the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum and being assessed against the 7 Areas of Learning.

In Year 1 your child will progress from these 7 Areas of Learning, to the National Curriculum subjects for Key Stage 1.

The curriculum will alter as follows:

Early Years Foundation Stage	New National Curriculum
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Personal, Social and Health Education and Citizenship
Communication and Language Literacy	Literacy
Mathematics	Maths
Understanding the World	Science, History, Geography, Computing, Design and Technology and Religious Education
Physical Development	Physical Education
Expressive Art and Design	Music and Art

The Transition Process

To ensure that we care for your child's emotional well being at Broad Heath, we have put the following in place to ensure a smooth transition to Year 1 for your child and ensure that they are happy with the forthcoming change.

- ❖ Over the next few weeks your child will be spending time completing activities with the Year 1 children and staff.
- ❖ This time will allow them to work with Year 1 children and get an idea of routines and life in Year 1.
- ❖ The Reception children will have experience of working with the Year 1 staff in the Year 1 classroom, which has been adapted to reflect the Reception classroom and ensure continuity in September.
- ❖ The children will do some art and written work. This will be displayed in the Year 1 classroom in September. This will make the children feel more secure and happy in their new classroom.
- ❖ Over the next few weeks, you will be invited to come to special Transition 'Stay and Play' sessions with your child, to meet new staff and discuss any queries you may have. We hope that you will attend and have fun.

What will be different from Reception?

PE

PE will be taught as a curriculum subject twice a week in Year 1. It is important that your children have the correct kit. They will need: shorts, a t-shirt and pumps in a named bag. These items should be brought to school on Monday and kept at school until Friday when the kit will be taken home to be washed. **Your child must have a PE kit in school at all times.**

Homework

Homework will be given out on Fridays, just as it was in Reception. Your child will be given English and Math's tasks to complete and also some spelling which they need to learn for a weekly test. As in Reception we request that you help your child to complete their work but do not do it for them.

Reading books will be sent daily as in Year R and will be found in their homework bag.

Targets

On entry into Year 1 your child will be given targets for English and Math's for the year. These targets will be in your child's homework folder for you to see just like the targets in Reception.

What Will Be The Same?



- ❖ The classroom doors are open from 8.30 your child needs to be in school ready to start the school day at 9 am.
- ❖ School dinners – your child will have the same healthy menu that they enjoyed in Year R. If your child has sandwiches please ensure that they have a healthy lunch including a piece of fruit each day.
- ❖ Fruit in school – although children will not receive milk in Year 1 they will still have a piece of fruit every day. If you would like your child to have milk it can be purchased at the Milk bar at playtime for 20p.
- ❖ School Uniform – your child is part of the Broad Heath team. Please ensure that they come to school each day wearing the

correct uniform and sensible black shoes.

Overview of Year 1

In Year 1 your child will gradually move from the 'play based' Early Years curriculum to the more formal Key Stage 1 learning style.

This will happen as follows:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1 Onwards
Children will cover the New National Curriculum areas within a broad and balanced topic based curriculum.	Learning will become more subject based.	Learning will be subject and topic based.
English and Maths tasks will be taught daily alongside this.	English and Maths activities will be carried out separately for 45 minutes per day.	English and Maths will be taught for 1 hour per day.

You will be able to see exactly what your child is being taught at school on the termly planners which are inserted into your child's homework folder.

We hope that this booklet has answered many of your questions. Please feel free to ask any questions you feel have not been covered.

Here's to a happy start in September!

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