

# *Welcome to Sycamore*

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## *Base*

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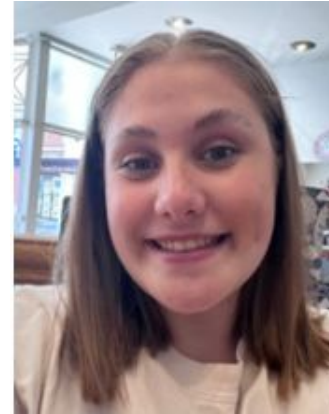




# Meet the Beech Base Team



Chris Dear



Victoria Brown



Mrs Boyle



Mrs Watkins



Mrs Bite



Mrs Rackley



# Pastoral & SEND support

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Learning Trust

*We are an inclusive school and work hard to ensure all children feel welcomed, valued and are able to reach their full potential with us.*

*If you or we feel your child is struggling at school, the teacher will arrange to meet you and discuss the support we are able to offer.*



*Mrs Smallbones*  
**ELSA**

*Mrs Prestage*  
**SENDCo**





# Learning Values for Life!



*The 4 learning Rs: **Reciprocal, Resourceful, Resilient, Reflective***

*The 2 behaviour Rs: **Respectful and Responsible***

*This is important so that we equip our children with the dispositions needed to cope with whatever the future looks like.*

*Important to develop learners – those who want to learn and know how to learn successfully.*

# Behaviour Values & Expectations

*We talk to the children about:*

- *Readiness to learn (listening, tracking)*
- *Respectful Relationships (showing empathy)*
- *Engagement (responding to questions/ sharing ideas)*

*To promote a nurturing learning environment where mistakes are celebrated, everyone's contributions are valued and great pride is taken by the children to share their knowledge and ideas and support each other.*



# Learning at VFS

The key principles we follow are:

- *That material should be sequenced and modelled with great consideration*
- *That questioning is vital to embedding learning and identifying any need to adapt the lesson*
- *That reviewing material ensures it is committed to long-term memory*
- *That practice of a skill will need to be guided as well as independent*



# Our Curriculum

- *Builds on prior knowledge*
- *Prepares for future learning*
- *Inspires curiosity*
- *Promotes a rich vocabulary*
- *Celebrates mistakes*



# Year 1 Highlights

- *Autumn 1: Welcome to Verwood.*
- *Autumn 2: Sensational Seasons.*
  
- *Spring 1: Toys in the Past.*
- *Spring 2: Amazing Animals.*
  
- *Summer 1: Earth in Space.*
- *Summer 2: The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.*  
*(Our class assembly will be in the summer term)*





# Year 1 PE Days

*Monday and Tuesday*

*Please come in full PE kit*

# Year 1 Phonics

*Phonics will be taught daily to all children following the 'Unlocking Letters and Sounds' scheme. This is a very thorough and rigorous programme which teaches the children the skills they need to read. In Year 1, through Phase 5a, b and c, children learn any alternative spellings and pronunciations for the graphemes and additional Common Exception Words.*

*Alongside our daily phonics lessons, each child will take part in a guided reading session. we promote a 'phonics first' approach and in both our guided reading sessions and in the books children take home. Texts are very closely matched to a child's current phonic knowledge so that every child can experience real success in their reading. When the children read the book with you at home it will be to 'show off' the skills they have learnt so you can see the wonderful progress they are making.*

# Year 1 Phonics

## *National Phonics Screening Check*

The phonics screening check is a check of your child's phonics knowledge. It helps your school confirm whether your child is making the progress expected in the national curriculum.

This year the check will take place during the week commencing Monday 12th June.

If a pupil does not meet the expected standard at the end of year 1, a programme of support should be put in place and their teacher will consider a re-take in year 2.



# Reading

- *Reading Record books*
- *Daily reading outside of school (At least 3 x weekly recorded in Reading Record)*
- *It is important to all of us to inspire a love for reading in every child.*
- *Reading for pleasure starts at home with children reading and listening to texts that excite them; stories, comics, newspapers even audio books...anything!*
- *Children will take a fully phonetically decodable book; these books will match your child's current secure knowledge and understanding of letters and their corresponding sounds.*
- *Children will also take a reading for pleasure book. These books will be changed once a week.*
- *We look forward to seeing their reading entries in their reading records from home.*



# Home Learning

- *Google Classroom*
- *Every Friday there will be home learning set on google classrooms with links to the websites/activities they need to complete. We expect these to be done by the following Thursday and ask that children 'turn it in' so we know who has completed it.*

*Year 1:*

- *Phonics or English Task*
- *Maths (often through Sumdog)*



# Residential & Trips

- *Local Walk around Verwood - Thursday 5th October*
- *Longdown Activity Farm - Friday 23rd February*



# Communication

- *Drop-off/ Pick-up - for short catch ups*
- *Link book / messages at the door*

*For longer conversations, please do:*

- *Email the class teacher directly*

[cdear@verwoodfirstschool.org](mailto:cdear@verwoodfirstschool.org)

[vbrown@verfirstschool.org](mailto:vbrown@verfirstschool.org)

- *Email via the office on [office@verwoodfirstschool.org](mailto:office@verwoodfirstschool.org)*
- *Telephone the office on 01202 822652*
- *Weekly Newsletter/ ParentMail / Google Classroom*



# Any Questions?