



Key Stage 1 Newsletter

Autumn Term, 2023-24

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely summer. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our Welcome Meeting yesterday afternoon in the heat! Most of the key information from that meeting is included in this newsletter.

Curriculum and Knowledge Organisers

Class teachers will be sending home 'Knowledge Organisers' which outline the essential knowledge that teachers will be covering in geography, history and science units this term. Key knowledge includes key dates, vocabulary, technical information, significant people etc. These knowledge organisers are shared with pupils and parents, with the aim that everyone knows what is being taught and what the children need to learn. Please support your child in helping them learn the knowledge set out in the organiser and use it as a reference for your discussions at home about their learning. This will help them to commit the things they learn to long term memory.

During the year, there will be opportunities for you to come into school including for **theme days** where you can join your child in the classroom and speak to your child's class teacher. There will also be parent meetings and trips. Look out for dates!



Year 1 Curriculum

Year 1 will be learning about adventurous explorers from history including Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. They will also learn about weather around the world which links to the science unit on plants and seasonal changes.

English will continue to include daily phonics sessions, reading sessions and children will develop their sentence writing skills as they explore a range of texts.

Maths starts with a focus on place value and then addition and subtraction within 10. This is fundamental to ensuring children have a secure understanding of number before moving on to larger numbers.

In Art, children will explore printing, drawing, painting and sculpture through learning about the artists William Morris and Andy Goldsworthy. Children will also have R.E., RSHE, P.E., Music and Computing lessons during the term.



Year 2 Curriculum

Year 2 will spend the term learning about London. They will explore maps, learn about famous landmarks and give directions in Geography before moving on to investigating what London was like nearly 400 years ago in History. This will focus on the Gunpowder Plot and the Great Fire of London.

There will be daily phonics lessons as we recap Year 1 learning and reading fluency sessions. In writing, we will start to introduce joined handwriting and writing more complex sentences with description.

In Maths, children will work on Place Value and Addition and Subtraction up to 100.

A very exciting part of our term is learning about and then making Tudor houses in D.T. to link to the Great Fire of London history unit. There will also be links with the Science unit on Everyday Materials. Children will also have Art, R.E., RSHE, P.E., Music and Computing lessons during the term.



You will find our curriculum overviews for the year on the school website.



Homework

Your support at home plays a big role in your child's learning.

Reading - please listen to your child read every day and record in the reading diary. Diaries will be checked every week and new books will be handed out.

Spelling/New Sounds - practice reading and writing new sounds and related spellings.

Optional topic, maths and writing homework - we provide some optional topic, maths and writing activities will also be sent home. These are to help inform you about what your child has been learning and allow you to enrich learning further at home. Children can complete these if they wish and can share it with their class teacher for us to celebrate however there will be no written 'marking'.



School Uniform and Essentials

Please label all clothing including coats. It is amazing how similar one school jumper looks compared to another!

Children should also bring:

- coat, gloves, scarf, hat for cold/wet weather
- sun cream, hats, sunglasses for warm weather
- water bottle - filled with water, no juice/squash
- wellies for puddle days!
- full set of spare clothes including a spare pair of old trainers - just in case!



P.E.

Children should continue to come to school in P.E. kits. They should be dressed appropriately for the weather including jumpers and jogging bottoms as the weather gets colder. Children can also wear gloves and hats but cannot wear scarves during P.E. lessons.

Long hair must be tied up - please do this for your child in the morning or provide them with a hair band.

Children cannot wear jewellery including earrings during P.E. lessons. Please remove at home unless your child can remove their own earrings. If they are wearing earrings, they may not be able to participate fully in all or some of the lesson.

Snacks and Packed Lunches

Children are entitled to a free school meal up to the end of Year 2. They are also offered a piece of fruit each day.

If you/your child would like to bring in a different snack for Break time or packed lunch, then please make sure:

- healthy food choices - no chocolate, sweets etc.
- no nuts, no prawns

Flavoured drinks (i.e. squash) are fine for lunch but no fizzy drinks.

Contact Details

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We will reply as promptly as we can - this may not be during the school day. Class teachers should be your first point of contact.

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PHONICS & EARLY READING MEETING - EYFS & KS1

There will be a phonics and early reading meeting on **Tuesday 12th September** at 3:30pm in the Hall led by **Mrs Banks**.