

KS1 Autumn Newsletter 2024

MEET THE TEAM

Year 1: Mrs Jackson, Ms Thurstan and Mrs Boon.

Year 1/2: Mrs Gallagher, Mrs Harrison and Mrs Stevenson

Year 2: Miss Owens and Mrs Barnes

We are always available to speak to after school or you can leave us a message in your child's journal, which is checked daily.



JOURNALS

Please make sure children bring their journals into school every day. Journals are an easy way of communicating any questions you may have and anything we may ask you to help us with, as well as any small bumps or falls your child may have. If you have any letters that need to be handed into school, please put them inside journals.

We check journals daily but do not go through book bags. Your child should have brought their journal home with them each day. Inside their journal, there is an important notice asking you to read and sign some pages as well as book change days, PE days and log in details for My Maths and Timestable Rockstars for Y2s.

READING BOOKS

Reading books will be changed once a week. Your child will receive two paper books from school matched to their Phonics learning. Please sign your child's journal daily, so that we know that your child has read to you. We recommend that the children read every night for 15 minutes. We cannot stress enough how much your child will benefit if they read daily. We love hearing about other books they are reading at home too! Books should be returned on the following days for each class so they can be changed.

Year 1's books will be changed on a Thursday each week.

Year 1/2's books will be changed on a Wednesday each week.

Year 2's books will be changed on a Tuesday each week.

HOMEWORK

Online Maths tasks will be set each Friday on My Maths using the login stuck at the front of your child's journal. Please help your child with their homework each week.

Times Tables Rock Stars logins can also be found stuck at the front of all Y2 journals. TTRS is great at helping your child to learn their times tables (especially as Y2 children should know all the multiplication and division facts for their 2, 5 and 10 times tables by the end of the year).

REMINDERS

Please make sure all uniform is labelled clearly so your child can find anything that they misplace.

Until October half term, PE days are:

Year 1: Monday and Thursday

Year 1/2: Monday and Thursday

Year 2: Monday and Friday .

Please ensure your child is in full school PE kit and it is labelled clearly. Water bottles should contain water and be taken home each evening and returned the following morning. Please label these clearly so your child can look after their water bottle.

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THIS TERM, WE ARE LEARNING...

English- We will look at Fiction, Non Fiction and Poetry linking lots of our English work to our current topic. The first book we will use in English is... Beegu! We will also read and learn about the stories Croc and Bird and Vlad and the Great Fire of London. Each afternoon, we will be having some DEAR time (Drop Everything and Read). During this time, we will share class stories.

Maths- We will be following White Rose Maths and learning about place value as well as addition and subtraction and shape. Trying to encourage your children to tell the time at home as part of daily routines, will really help your child later in the year with a concept that can be tricky.

History and Geography: Our Geography-based topic is called 'Where in the World'. In this topic we will be learning about the world's seven continents and five oceans using maps, atlases and globes. We will be identifying seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK and exploring the location of hot/ cold places in relation to the Equator and North and South Poles. After half term, our History-focused topic is all about the Great Fire of London. In this topic, we will learn all about the history of The Great Fire of London.

Science- This term in Science we will be starting our Seasonal Change year. As part of our two year rolling programme in KS1, we will base all our Science learning around the four Seasons. We will plant some bulbs to brighten up our outdoor flower beds in the Spring time. We will learn about animals and the preparations they make during Autumn. We will learn about day length and how this varies across the seasons. We will adopt a deciduous tree and observe how it changes throughout the year.

Religion- we will be following the diocesan programme of study - 'Come and See'.

The units we will be covering are:

Families - Learning about God's love and care for every family.

Belonging - Learning about Baptism as an invitation to belong to God's family.

Waiting - Learning about Advent as a time to wait and look forward to Christmas.