

KS1 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025

MEET THE TEAM

Hello!

Year 1: Mrs Jackson, Ms Thurstan and Mrs Barnes

Year 1/2: Miss Owens, Mrs Harrison and Miss Lennon

Year 2: Mrs Morton, Mrs Gallagher and Mrs Boon

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT

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Meet the teacher

OCT

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KS1 Collective Worship

DEC

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Christmas Concert

Please see 'Dates for Diary' for whole school events

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 last week.

Inside their journal, there is an important notice asking you to read and sign some pages in their journal.

HOMEWORK

Y1 & Y2 Online **Maths** tasks will be set for all children each Friday on My Maths using the login stuck at the front of your child's journal. Children will also bring home word boxes to read and spell which are linked to their **phonics** learning. Please help your child with their homework.

Year 2 only. Times Tables Rock Stars logins can be found stuck at the front of Y2 journals. TTRS is great at helping your child to learn their times tables. It is great practise for Y2 children who should be learning their multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables by the end of the year.



READING BOOKS



Reading books will be changed once a week and your child will receive two paper books from school.

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. They will reap the rewards!

Books should be returned on the following days for each class so they can be changed:

Year 1 – Monday
Year 1/2 – Tuesday
Year 2 – Wednesday

REMINDERS



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

For safety reasons, please ensure earrings are small studs only and we ask for them not to be worn at all on PE days.



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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LEARNING

THIS TERM WE ARE LEARNING...

English– Much of our work will be based around 'Peace at Last' and The Boggarts. We will use the books to explore labels, lists and captions, character descriptions and beat the monster stories. Towards Christmas we will learn about letters and postcards and will complete some lovely postcards of kindness!

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.



Geography – Our topic is about Our Local Area: Why is Whitefield Wonderful? We will draw our journey to school and then bring them to life as a 3D map. Exploring our local area of Whitefield through fieldwork, different types of maps and atlases; we will identify which local landmarks are human or physical features.

History– Our topic in Autumn 2 is all about Toys. We will explore what toys were like in the past when our parents and grandparents were children, and how they are different from today. We will enjoy playing with a range of toys, old and new.

Science– We will learn about Animals including Humans, Materials and Living Things and their Habitats through our first topic, 'What's Wrong with Mr Bear?' which is linked to our work on Peace at Last. After half term, we will explore, Animals including Humans and Living Things and their Habitats through our topic, 'Would you see a Cactus in a Rainforest?'

Religion – This term, children are exploring the Christian belief that the world was lovingly created by God. Through the story of Creation in Genesis, they'll learn that the Bible uses different kinds of writing to share messages, like the importance of looking after our world and treating others fairly. We'll focus on the deeper meaning of the story, helping children reflect on kindness, care, and the beauty of the world around them.