

KS1 Newsletter Autumn term

'Caring Hearts, Aspiring Minds'

We hope you have found our newsletter helpful and informative. If you have any other questions/queries, please ask any member of staff who will be happy to help.

Kind regards

Mrs. Gerrard, Mrs. Bruce and Mrs. Rocca Jordan Mrs Daniels.

Welcome to this term's newsletter.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school! We hope you have all had a lovely summer.

The focus for the first few weeks of this Autumn term will be settling the children in their new classes and routines. Although things are very different, your children have adapted well and they are happy and settled.

This term we will be finding out abut the Animals and their habitats in Topic and we will be investigating how different materials shape the world we live in, in Science.

KS1 will be continuing to use Jane Considine's writing mechanics to raise



standards of writing. We will be building this slowly and we will recap on things learned in previous years.

In Maths we are revisiting concepts and skills that have been taught in previous classes and we will gradually build upon the children's knowledge.

Each child's individual needs will be catered for in this settling in period.

Maths mastery is the approach we use to ensure pupils develop a deep, long term and adaptable understanding of Maths. Our focus this term will be on place value and addition and subtraction.

Spellings

The school spelling system is called Spelling Shed.

This is an online game that the teachers can set for the children to play.

We will be introducing the spelling shed for KS1 children by the end of the Autumn term. You will receive a letter in the next weeks.

In the mean time, Beech and Hazel will receive their spellings via a text message on Fridays. The spellings will be recapping spellings taught last year. Year 1 children are asked to practice to read and spell the common exception words we will also text on Fridays. An informal assessment will take place on the following Wednesday.

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Please bring a waterproof set of clothes to be left in school.

Children need a full change of kit. PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, black shorts and pumps.

Please actively encourage your child to put on and take off their own clothes and shoes at home in order to help us during these sessions.

Please ensure that all kit including pumps is clearly labeled.

All children must have their earrings removed on their PE day. Please note that staff are not permitted to remove children's earrings for health and safety reasons or to cover earrings with tape.

PEDAYS (always outdoors at the moment)

Elm Tuesday and Thursday

Beech Tuesday and Friday

Hazel Tuesday and Thursday

MATHS HOMEWORK

A Maths homework booklet will be sent home on Friday 18th September.

Please only do one page each week and make sure children only work for approx. 15 minutes. These books arte to be kept at home and marked by the parents. All answers are at the back of the book.

READING BOOKS

KS1 reading books (and book bags) should only be brought in on Mondays and Thursdays. This is to reduce the number of items brought in and out of school and to allow for the books to be quarantined for 72 hours. Please know that we won't be able to change you child's book on any other day.

Good News Text Messages Home:

Your children have made an amazing start to this difficult year. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. Please know that althoughwe are in a fast-changing situation, your child's health and happiness are at the centre of everything we do in KS1.

Thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated. Your positive comments to staff really go a long way. We will continue to share good news with you about your children by sending 2 texts out to those pupils who have gone above and beyond in that week.