



Key Stage 1 Newsletter Autumn 1

This half term the children will be settling into daily phonics, reading, writing and maths lessons. Our writing unit is all about bears! The children will be writing some factual reports about Winnie the Pooh, Paddington and lots more. We will be working on full stops, capital letters, finger spaces and beautiful handwriting. In maths, we will be learning about how many tens and ones (units) are in a number. For example, 34 has 3 tens and 4 ones. The children will also be learning how to order numbers.

Year 1 PE day is
Tuesday

Year 2 PE day is
Thursday

Please send your
child to school
wearing their kit.

From 8:30am the children can come into school and complete some 'early bird' maths tasks. We would love to see the children rushing in as soon as the doors open! They can use our new chrome books to play lots of online maths games.



Our topic this half term is 'Remember Remember'. We will be stepping back in time to learn all about Guy Fawkes as well as thinking about the importance of Remembrance Day. We will also be exploring with clay and making some decorative tiles.

Reading books will be changed on a Tuesday and a Friday. Every time your child reads at home, they will receive a raffle ticket and a dojo point. Raffle tickets will be drawn at the end of the week and one lucky child can have a hot chocolate and marshmallows with a teacher! Initially, the children will be rewarded each time they bring their book bag into school. In the coming weeks you will receive a reading record to write in. If you do not have a book bag, please speak to your child's class teacher and they will find one for you.

Homework will commence next week. We ask that the children read for 10 minutes every day, practise spellings and complete some tasks on 'Frog Play' – a new online platform we have subscribed to. You will receive a slip explaining the homework every week and details will also be put onto Google classroom.



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Milk

Children who are eligible for free school meals will receive free milk every day. Anyone who is not entitled to free school meals needs to sign up using a new system and pay for milk. If you are unsure please ask the office, your child's class teacher or email year1vpa@gmail.com or year2vpa@gmail.com If you would like your child to receive milk at school, you can register online at www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk.

Google classroom and online learning

All of the children will be shown how to access Google classroom in school. Along with this newsletter, you will find a guide for how to access Google classroom if you haven't already. Please sign in and give it a go – we want to be prepared in case we need to quickly switch to teaching the children at home. If you have any questions at all about it, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Next week you will receive a copy of all your child's usernames and password. We have signed up to lots of online learning sites which we'll be playing with in the coming weeks.

Water bottles

Please can your child bring a water bottle to school with them each day? They will be sent home to be washed and re-filled at the end of every day.

Baby pictures

As part of our 'Remember Remember' topic we will be looking back at our own childhood memories. If you have a baby picture of your child that you can send to us we will have a game of 'baby guess who!' Please email the picture to us at the email addresses below.

We have absolutely loved getting to know the children this week. They have settled in so quickly and adjusted to their new routines. It has been lovely to have our classrooms filled with so many happy smiling faces!

If you have any questions at all as we settle into our new routines just ask one of us or send us an email.

It has been lovely to meet you all.

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