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## Autumn Newsletter – Year 1

### Dates for your Diary

**6<sup>th</sup> September** – Autumn Term Begins

**9<sup>th</sup> October** – Meet the Teacher (more info to follow)

**19<sup>th</sup> October** – Pedestrian Skills Workshop

**20<sup>th</sup> October** – Last day of Half Term

**30<sup>th</sup> October** – Half Term Begins

**12<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Christmas Performance (am)

**13<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Christmas Performance (pm)

**19<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Craft Session

**21<sup>st</sup> December** – KS1 Christmas Party

**22<sup>nd</sup> December** – End of Autumn Term

### Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead.

This year, the Year 1 team is made up of Miss Corkill (the Monkeys class and KS1 Phase Leader) and Miss Cornmell and Miss Cubbon (the Pandas class). Miss Cornmell will be teaching Monday and Tuesday and Miss Cubbon Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Classes will be supported by Miss Caley, Miss Stokes and Miss Jackson.

Reading books and records need to be in school every day. All reading books will be changed on a Monday. Please read a variety of texts with your child at home alongside their school books.

Please provide your child with a named water bottle to help keep them hydrated all day and a healthy snack for mid-morning. No nut products are allowed due to allergies in school and ideally the snack provided should be fruit or vegetable where possible.

The Monkeys will have PE lessons on Wednesday and Thursday and the Pandas on Tuesday and Wednesday. Your child will need both an indoor and an outdoor PE kit in school, which will be sent home with them at the end of each half term. Long hair needs to be tied up and earrings need to be removed before they come to school.

### Outdoor Learning

As a school we are delighted with our Forest School Area and we incorporate this into our learning as much as possible. Every Wednesday in Year 1 we will be utilising our outdoor space to further develop team building, resilience and life skills. Therefore, on a Wednesday Year 1 need to come into school wearing clothes which can get muddy! No school uniform is needed on a Wednesday for Year 1.



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### **Home Learning**

There will be Maths and Phonics activities uploaded weekly on to Its Learning, which will support the in class learning that has taken place. Additional activities and links will also be available for anyone who would like to complete extra learning at home. If anyone is unsure of their Its Learning login, please let us know.

After October half term Phonics Learning Logs will be sent home on weekly basis, following a similar format to Foundation Stage.

### **Weather (Autumn 1 focus)**

During the first half term we will be learning all about Weather! This will cover topics such as examples of weather, seasons and weather forecasting. The theme will then develop to look at different climates, weather dangers and climate change. We hope the children will enjoy learning about this topic and will be able to share their experiences of different weather and seasons.

### **Fire and Water (Autumn 2 focus)**

After October half term will be learning about Fire and Water! This is an exciting theme which will cover the Gunpowder Plot, Great Fire of London, The Fire Service and the RNLI. Again, one which we are sure the children will be fully engrossed in!

If you have any information or resources which you think could be useful for either of the above themes, please do let us know!

### **Bedtime Books**

We are very excited to launch this new initiative in Year 1. Each day you will find a basket of books outside at hoemtime. We would love for you to choose a book with your child to read as their bedtime story. This book can then be returned and swapped for another one. We hope you will support this idea and help us to promote a love of reading.

### **Christmas**

You will notice Christmas dates listed above. There will be more information closer to the time.

### **Home-school communication**

Reminders will be posted on Dojo (whole class and individual messages if needed). Please ensure you check Dojo regularly. If you have any queries or need to record absences, please email the school office and they will pass on any relevant information. If you require a more in-depth chat, please see your class teacher to arrange an appointment suitable for all. If you are sending messages on Dojo, please ensure you send it the teacher who will be in school that day.

Letters will continue to be emailed, therefore please make sure school has an up-to-date email address.

**If you have any questions please just ask.  
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