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## Autumn Newsletter – Year 1

### Key Dates for your Diary

**3rd September** – Autumn Term Begins

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

**15<sup>th</sup> October** – Rock Kidz

**27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Half Term

### Welcome Back!

We hope you 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 Harrison (Bumblebee Class), and Mrs Smith and Miss Cubbon (Panda Class). Mrs Smith will be teaching Monday and Tuesday, and Miss Cubbon will be teaching Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Classes will be supported by Mrs Watterson and Miss Fargher.

Reading books and records need to be in school every day. Please read a variety of texts with your child at home alongside their school books and record any reading in your child's reading record.

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 vegetables where possible.

### PE Kits

The Bumblebees will have PE lessons on Monday and Wednesday, and the Pandas on Monday and Friday. Your child will need both an indoor (navy shorts/white t-shirt/pumps) and an outdoor (joggers/hoodie/trainers) 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 Outdoor Learning Area and we incorporate this into our learning as much as possible. Every Thursday in Year 1 we will be utilising our outdoor space to further develop team building, resilience and life skills. Therefore, on a Thursday, Year 1 need to come into school wearing clothes which can get muddy! No school uniform is needed on a Thursday for Year 1.



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## **Home Learning**

There will be Maths and Phonics activities uploaded weekly onto 'Teams'. Additional activities and links will also be available for anyone who would like to complete extra learning at home. The first Teams activities will follow in a couple of weeks as we await logins. Until then, please continue with home reading and Mathletics (see below).

There will also be optional 'Mathletics' tasks set, which will support the in class learning that has taken place. Children's Mathletics logins (where permission has been given on Arbor) will be sent home soon.

After October Half Term, Phonics Learning Logs will be sent home on a 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 we 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!

## **Home-School Communications**

If you have any queries or need to record absences, please email the school office at [onchanEnquiries@sch.im](mailto:onchanEnquiries@sch.im) 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 have any questions, please just ask.

Miss Harrison, Mrs Smith, Miss Cubbon, Mrs Watterson and Miss Fargher