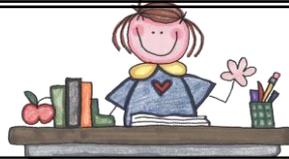




Welcome back to the start of the Autumn Term.
We hope that you have all had a lovely, restful holiday!



The teachers across Key Stage 1 are as follows: Mrs Patterson (Y1/2DP), Miss Hillary (Y1/2EH), Mrs Weeks and Mrs Crocker (Y1/2SW/HC). Mrs Patterson and Miss Hillary teach full time and Mrs Weeks teaches Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Mrs Crocker teaches Thursday and Friday. Mrs Everitt covers Mrs Patterson's class and Mrs Hind covers Miss Hillary's class on Tuesdays. Routines are established quickly so that the children understand what happens each week.

Mrs Foster, Mrs Marston, Miss Stooke and Mrs Dix support across KS1. Miss Edwards is a trainee teacher, who is working alongside Mrs Patterson during the Autumn Term.

There will be an informal opportunity to come in to school and ask any questions you may have. This 'drop in' session will take place between 3:30pm and 4:30pm on **Monday 10th September**.

Important
DATE!

We are implementing the requirements of the National Curriculum and our Imaginative Learning Project for the first half of the Autumn Term is '**Street Detectives**'. It is a History/Geography based theme which will encompass the other National Curriculum subjects. A separate Curriculum Letter has been sent home outlining what it will involve. In the future, these will be sent via Marvellous Me.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS!

- P.E. kits should be brought to school on a Monday and left in school until the Friday when they should be taken home to be washed. The P.E. kit consists of a plain white t-shirt, dark shorts and trainers. In the colder months, children may bring tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt. We also recommend a plastic bag for muddy trainers!
- Any child with hair that is long enough to be tied back, must have it tied back for P.E. Earrings must be removed (by the child) or covered with tape.
- The only jewellery which is allowed to be worn in school are watches and stud earrings.
- A named water bottle is provided for each child.



RRSA:

Article 28 - Every child has the right to an education.

Article 29 - Every child has the right to be the best that they can be.



Home/School Communication

We will continue to use MarvellousMe to post comments about your child and their achievements in school. We will also use MarvellousMe to post reminders and other information about what is happening within school. Also, we will be awarding badges on MarvellousMe for particularly good behaviour, attitudes and work.



Reading

We encourage reading at home with your child and the expectation in Key Stage 1 is that this will happen for at least *three times a week*.

All children will be provided with a Reading Record and we ask that they keep a record of what they have read in this (if lost or damaged this will need to be replaced at the cost of £1). In order to encourage children to read regularly, we will be keeping a close eye on what they are reading and we ask that you initial any reading.

Your child will receive a guided reading book each week with a short related task to be completed. They will also choose a 'Home Reader', a book which they may like to read to you, or have read to them.



Spellings (Focus Words)

In line with the expectations of the National Curriculum, children in KS1 will be taught the statutory spelling patterns within school and will be given words from the National Curriculum Spelling Lists to bring home to practise. These 'Focus Words' will be sent home on a Monday. There are no weekly spelling tests. Children will be taught the spelling rule/ focus within their classes and will have further opportunities to practise the focus words each week. In addition, they will be given words which have been identified as being incorrectly spelt within day to day writing and subject specific words linked to the different subjects.



Maths Homework

We use a 'Going for Gold' system to set children's targets in Maths and homework will be linked to these targets which focus upon fundamental mathematical concepts such as times tables and number bonds. Each month information will be sent home which outlines your child's Maths targets so that you can support them at home. Homework will be linked. At the beginning of the year targets may seem easy but it is important that these are revisited/ reinforced.



As always if you have any questions relating to any of these arrangements, or indeed anything else, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you.

The Key Stage 1 Team