

Please, please check that your all child's school clothes are all clearly marked with their name.

Also, we would like to ask all parents and carers to remain outside now in the morning as the KS1 corridor quickly becomes very congested and this makes it harder for the children to sort their belongings. There will a member of staff at the entrance door to welcome your child each morning, please feel free to pass any messages for the class teacher onto them. Thank you for your help with this.

Water bottles

As the weather in September can sometimes be quite warm your child would really benefit from having a water bottle in school.

We look forward to working with you over the next year. Many thanks for your support,

Miss Shepherd, Miss Cullis, Miss Cruickshank, Mrs Warriner, Mrs Headdock, Miss O'brien, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Norfolk, Mrs Cooke and Mrs Moores

Dates for your diary

Thursday 21st September KS1 Fun run.

Monday 20th November - individual school photographs

Thursday December 14th - OH YES IT IS! Panto day at Middlesbrough

Friday December 22nd - school closes 2.30pm

Any additional dates of future events will be updated frequently on the weekly school newsletter - please keep a look out for these every Friday.



Welcome to a new school year! We hope you've had a lovely holiday. The children are beginning to settle in really well into their new classes and routines.

We would like to offer a warm welcome to Miss Cruickshank who will be teaching one of the Year 1/2 classes and Mrs Phillips who will be working in Miss Cullis' Class. We also welcome back Mrs Moores who is returning from maternity leave and will be providing cover across the Key Stage for teachers who are involved in meetings and planning and assessment time.

We have a busy autumn term planned. We hope that this newsletter will give you an overview of what we are doing this term.

Maths

The main focus will be place value, addition and subtraction. Work on shape will also be covered and the Year Twos will study multiplication and division. The emphasis in maths will be on developing fluency of number facts so that these facts can be applied to problem solving and reasoning. Playing games such as snakes and ladders, using two dice is an excellent way to support your child's mental maths.

English

This term the Year Ones will be focusing on letter formation and writing a sentence using a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop. The Year Twos will be looking at stories with a familiar setting. They will also write information texts about animals. Furthermore they will be developing their vocabulary, particularly around adjectives, nouns and verbs. Phonics is taught daily in KS1, with the children working in groups according to which sounds they are learning.

Homework

- Daily reading practise - please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading record to school **every day**.
- Number facts to learn-by-heart each half term.
- Topic homework each half term.
- Weekly spellings for Year Twos.

Your child's class teacher will be sending maths learn its home very shortly. The quick recall of number facts is vital for success in maths.

Topic

Our topic this first term is 'Food Glorious Food' and we will be looking at the importance of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food and hygiene. We will also be looking at basic parts of a human body and the senses. We will be identifying where different foods come from around the world and the weather needed to grow some foods. We hope to arrange for a visit to Tesco to find out more about where our food comes from. After half term our topic will be 'Step Back in Time' and we will be looking into to local significant people as well as Christmas!

PE

In Dance we will be learning some group dances and basis folk dance moves. In addition we will be training hard for the KS1 Fun Run later this month as well as playing outdoor games. Your child will need PE shoes suitable for outdoor PE. It is really helpful if your child leaves their PE bag in school, we will send it home each half term.

PE days:

Miss Shepherd: Wednesday and Thursday

Miss Cullis : Tuesday and Friday.

Miss Cruickshank: Tuesday and Friday

PE KITS

We would like to remind parents that children require a proper kit for all PE sessions - **a white T-shirt and black shorts for PE** and pumps or trainers for outdoor games. Tracksuits are allowed for outdoor games lessons. Please ensure all PE kit is clearly named and in the red school PE bag that your child was given in the summer term. Mr Chandler is monitoring PE kits across school this year, children who consistently forget their kit will be reported to him.

For health and safety reasons, earrings must be left at home on PE days to prevent loss or injury. If your child has had their ears pierced recently please inform their class teacher as children are expected to remove earrings for PE. Long hair must be tied back.

Music

We will be learning to recognise pulse and rhythm. We will also learn a range of songs linked to the topic.

RE

In RE we will be thinking about celebrations and who celebrates what and why. We will be looking at the Christmas story after half term.

DT

The children will be designing, making and evaluating their own healthy pitta pizzas. Please let your class teacher know if your child has any allergies or intolerances.

Circle time

This half term we will be getting to know each other and the community we live in.

Computing

In computing the children will be learning to use technology to organise and present ideas in different ways. They will be practising their keyboard skills too.