

Please, please check that your all child's school clothes (including PE Kits) 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

It would be really useful if your child could have a refillable plastic bottle in school to use throughout the week.

Seesaw

All the children should have now received their parent log on code for seesaw. We will be posting photos and videos of all the children's wonderful work! Sometimes we will send out notes and information through Seesaw too! If you have any problems with this, please see your child's class teacher.

We look forward to working with you over the next year. Please do not hesitate to call in and see us if you need anything.

Miss Shepherd, Miss Cruickshank, Miss Lonsdale, Mrs Warriner, Mrs Headdock, Miss O'Brien, Mrs Reeves, Miss Wilson, Mrs Twinn, Mrs Webster.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 11th September- KS1 Gymnastics Competition try outs 3.20pm.

Thursday 20th September KS1 Fun run.

Monday 1st October - Influenza jabs R - Y5

Monday 15th October - Wheelchair basketball for whole school.

Friday 26th October - school closes at 3.15pm

Monday 5th November - school reopens.

Thursday 22nd November - School photographs

Thursday 13th December - School Panto (Dick Whittington)

Friday 21st December - School closes at 2.30pm



Welcome to a new school year! We hope you've had a lovely holiday. The children are beginning to settle into their new classes really well. We would like to offer a warm welcome to Miss Lonsdale who will be teaching one of the Year 1 classes. We have a busy autumn term planned and 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 we will be focusing much of our English work around the book 'One day on our blue planet... in the savannah.' 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 writing information texts about animals. Furthermore they will be developing their vocabulary, particularly around adjectives, nouns and verbs.

Phonics is taught daily in KS1, the children will be taught by their class teacher, with the appropriate skills for the year group being taught.

Homework

- Daily reading practise - please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading record to school **every day**.
- Maths number facts will be sent home for your child to practise.
- Topic homework each half term.
- Please watch out for additional challenges which may be posted on seesaw!

Topic

Our topic this first half term is 'Go Wild' and this topic links very closely to our focus book 'One day on our blue planet... In the Savannah.' We will be learning about the African savannah and all the animals that can be found there. We will be comparing and grouping animals and thinking about how animals change as they grow. We will also be looking at the names of animal groups and what the language carnivore, herbivore and omnivore mean. We will be identifying savannahs on maps and discussing the physical and human features that can be found there. We will also be making our very own animal puppets.

After half term our topic will be 'Special Events' and we will be looking at lots of different special events which happen during the second half term. These will include Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and Christmas!

PE

This half term in PE the children will be developing their balance and co-ordination. We will also be doing Yoga in PE.

PE days:

Miss Shepherd: Wednesday and Thursday

Miss Cruickshank: Thursday

Miss Lonsdale: Monday and Wednesday.

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 last year. We do not have space in the corridor for big rucksack bags. 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 the different length of beats in music and will be singing lots of songs and rhymes related to our topic. We will also be learning some African music beats and will be creating music through the use of words and phrases.

RE

In RE we will be thinking about different interesting questions that could puzzle us. We will be looking at the Christmas story after half term.

Circle time

This half term we will be getting to know each other and thinking about how we can make our classrooms happy, productive learning places! We will be thinking about how we can look after each other and help each other to do our best.

Computing

Ongoing skills will be developed, particularly looking at using our new program J2E.