



Autumn Newsletter

Dates for your diary

Meet & Greet Parents' Evening is on Tuesday 11th October
 Last day of half-term is Friday 21st October 2022
 Children return on Monday 7th November 2022
 Last day of the Autumn Term is Wednesday 21st December 2022
 Children return on Thursday 5th January 2023



Staff

								
Mrs Djan	Miss Fell	Miss Trinh	Miss Begum	Mrs Simmons	Miss White	Miss Khan	Mrs O'Brien	Miss Begum

Reading

All pupils have a reading book which must be brought into school along with their Reading Record in a bag every day. It is very important that they bring them in every day as there may be opportunities for them to read through the day and their teacher may need to listen to them read. Their teacher will also check the Reading Record through the week.

Please take time to listen to your child read each day and talk to them about their book. They need to understand what they are reading – not just be able to read the words. Could you also please ensure that you write a comment or just sign their Reading Record at least three times each week.

Try taking your child to the local library, it's free to join and borrow books.

Homework

Number patterns, sight words and spellings will be sent home and tested weekly at school. These need to be practised each night so that your child is fully prepared.

Pupils will also be given other homework activities each day and we'd like to thank you for continuing to support you child with their homework activities each night.

Communication

Remember – you don't need to wait until Parents' Evenings to talk to your child's class teacher. Messages or information can be shared when you drop off /collect your child. If you need a conversation, make an appointment via the main office and your child's teacher will make time to see you.

Reminders

We will be having a PE lesson on **Wednesdays and Fridays.**

- Please make sure your child comes to school wearing the correct P.E. kit on these days. This should be: trainers/plimsolls, a white t-shirt and blue shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms. Shorts, jogging bottoms and t-shirts are available for sale in the main office.
- Jewellery must not be worn at school except for stud earrings which must be removed or covered with plasters for P.E.
- Please ensure ALL of your child's clothing and shoes are labelled with their name. It is your child's responsibility to keep their belongings safe.

Remember school starts at 9.00am but they can start coming into school from 8:45. Don't be late!

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PSHCE

Relationships – TEAM

This unit will focus on the positive impact working as a team has on all its members. Children will work on their collaborative skills such as good listening, making good choices, the importance of being kind and the effects of bullying

COMPUTING

Technology around us

Pupils will develop their understanding of a range of tools used for digital painting. They then use these tools to create their own digital paintings, while gaining inspiration from a range of artists' work.

FRENCH

Getting to Know You

Grammar focus: phrases

By the end of the unit, children will be able to use some basic French. They will be able to greet each other, introduce themselves and have a simple conversation with a partner.

HISTORY

When was it the best time to be a child?

Children will start their history curriculum learning about children through the ages. They will learn about what children played with, what schools were like and how life changed through the decades.

SCIENCE

Everyday Materials

Children will learn to identify and describe a variety of materials such as; wood, plastic, paper, rock, metal, fabric etc. Children will explore different ways to group and compare materials based on some simple properties. They will also learn about a key scientist within this field – Charles Mackintosh - and how his discovery has changed our understanding of materials today.

Seasonal Changes

Throughout the Year, children will observe changes across the four seasons; describe the associated weather and how day length varies

ART

Starry night

Artist: Vincent Van Gogh

Technique: collage.

Skills: painting, tissue paper scrunching, gluing, sticking, oil pastel drawing and glitter stars.

This half term, the Year 1 students will learn about Dutch artist Vincent Van Gogh. They will recreate one of his well-known paintings 'Starry Night' using collage.

RE

Belonging to Christianity

In this unit pupils draw on their understanding of belonging, and then relate this to what Christians from different types of churches understand about belonging. They look at what Jesus taught about children, and how the Christian church today welcomes children into its family. They think about how people show they belong and what is special about belonging.

PE

Hockey

Children will be able to roll a ball with growing accuracy, hit a ball with a stick and kick a ball with growing accuracy.

Movement and Balance

Children will be able to move their whole bodies in different ways with control and care and stop safely.

Health and Fitness

Throughout the year in PE, children will be able to describe how their bodies feel before, during and after an activity.

MUSIC

Hello to all the children of the world

We continue to identify and investigate the many different sounds we make to include those in nature, industry and elsewhere. We focus on differentiating between pulse & rhythm.