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KS1 Autumn 1 September Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school! We hope you have had a wonderful and relaxing holiday and are looking forward to the busy term we have ahead of us! The children have all settled in brilliantly and are showing us they are just the same well-mannered and polite children as ever!

I'd like to take this opportunity to inform you of key days, dates and learning opportunities ahead of us.

Topic Learning

As mentioned in your child's letter from their new teacher, our new topic is called 'Autumn Watch' and along with many other things, the children will also be;

- Exploring weather through the seasons in our country as well as weather across the world.
- Researching different types of animals and their habitats, particularly in the New Forest.
- Identifying and finding out about the trees that grow in our local area.



Forest School Dates

To support our learning of our 'Autumn Watch' topic, we will be heading to our Forest School site to start a longitudinal study for Science. We will be returning throughout the year to identify the changes to the trees.

We will be going to the Forest School site on **Monday 17th September.**

All the children will be going in the afternoon (Yr 2 - 12.45-1.30pm and Yr 1 - 1.30-2.15pm approx.)

Children will need to come dressed in clothing that is appropriate for all weathers. Please ensure they wear long sleeved tops, long trousers and have welly boots in a bag. We will still go if it is raining so please make sure they have waterproofs too.

Forest School Volunteers!

In Key Stage 1 we will be continuing our Forest School learning with the focus being linked to Maths, English or Science. With great benefits such as building children's confidence, social and communication skills, we feel this is an exciting part of our curriculum. These visits often take place in the morning but occasionally we will make afternoon visits. If you feel you would be able to volunteer to help on the above date (**Monday 17th September afternoon**) or any other of these visits for either 1 session approx. 8.45-10.15 or both sessions up until approx. 11.45 then please leave your details with the office.

If you are happy to be a **Key Stage 1 Forest School Volunteer** and are free on either the above date or are happy to be contacted to see if you are free for future Forest School visits then please could you let the office know as you will need to complete a DBS check prior to volunteering, if you have not volunteered for us before.



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PE Days

In KS1 this year, we will all be having PE on the same days.

Our indoor PE will take place on Tuesdays.

Our outdoor PE will be on Thursdays.

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit as stated in our uniform policy; a white school PE t-shirt (with or without school logo), blue shadow stripe school PE shorts, suitable plimsolls/trainers. As the weather gets colder, please ensure your child has a dark coloured (blue/black) tracksuit in their PE bag as we still try to get outside as much as possible. We now have class sets of waterproof rain jackets which we use during PE on those rainy days!

School Library Book Change Day

Children will continue to have access to the school library and be able to take out books of their own choice and interests. We have one time slot per week and if children wish to change their books they need to bring them in by the morning of their class library day.



All classes in Key Stage 1 will be changing their books on Tuesday afternoons.

Helping Hands in the Classroom.

Do you have some spare time each week where you could regularly volunteer to help in a classroom or work with small groups of children or do you know someone who does? Would you enjoy helping children with arts and crafts, story writing, solving maths problems, reading, and computer work or science experiments? Are you flexible, practical and willing to have a go at most things? Or know someone who is?

Key Stage 1 is looking for people who are able to volunteer regular and consistent amounts of time between 9am–12pm and 1.30pm–3pm. This could be 2 hours a week, 1 hour a day...whatever time you can spare! A caring nature, patience and sense of humour is a must! The classroom teacher will always be present and give clear instructions and guidance on the help we need. All volunteers will require DBS clearance with the school.

If you are interested, have any questions or would like to know more then please come and speak to me!

Home Learning

As children (and teachers ☺) are settling back into school, more learning opportunities will be made available at home. As ever, reading is crucial at this young age where they are getting to grips with the skill of reading and developing a passion for books. In school, we provide children with Read Write Inc. books, Bug Club books (hard copies as well as online) and library books. Please note we will be sending home a reminder of how to log on to Bug Club with your child's password details. So look out for this in your child's book bag!



MyMaths.co.uk

MyMaths is online maths homework that will be set **fortnightly** and this will be linked, where possible, to the learning taking place in the classroom. Children will be given a password to be able to access this in the next few weeks. As a reminder, children do have access to all of the activities, so there is always something for them to do!

Settling in Meetings

Parents and carers are invited to a settling in meeting with the class teacher on **Wednesday 26th September**. The teacher will be talking about routines in KS1 and there will be time to ask the teacher general questions about the classroom routines. Please choose the most convenient slot for you to attend –

- **1st meeting: 3.30pm**
- **2nd meeting: 3.55pm**

The teacher will not be able to discuss specific children during this time but can arrange a time to meet if necessary.

We are very much looking forward to our year ahead, and it promises to be a busy, yet exciting one! Let's get learning!

Thank you for your continued support.

The Key Stage 1 Team

Miss Cox, Mrs Cobb, Mrs Nyland, Miss Cambridge

