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KS1 Autumn 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.

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 Wednesdays

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit as stated in our uniform policy; a white PE t-shirt (with or without school logo), shadow stripe royal blue PE shorts, suitable plimsolls and or trainers. As the weather gets colder, it may be worth putting a dark coloured tracksuit into the 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!

Library Days

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 them 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 Thursday afternoon.

Our New Topic!

Our first topic this Half Term is called '**Back in the Day**' and will be History driven as we will be finding out about how fashion, transport, décor, technology and music have changed, relating this to the children's parents and grandparents.

We will be launching this with the children on **Thursday 14th September** and would like children to come to school dressed in a disco outfit from 1950's, 60's, 70's, 80's or even 90's! We will be having a 'disco day' where we will be finding out how music has changed, as well as being taught some groovy moves by our talented teaching team!



Mini-Project

Last year, the mini-projects that children completed proved to be highly beneficial to their knowledge, understanding and enthusiasm for a topic. We have been encouraging them to share these independently with small groups of children and sometimes the whole class which has helped to improve their speaking and listening skills and build confidence. So let's get creative and have a go at our first project for the year!

For the '**Back in the Day**' topic, we would like the children to create a timeline showing how something has changed; this could be an object, something/someone in their family, buildings, music etc. This can be shown in any way the children choose such as through models, pictures, writing, video, presentation (if it can be uploaded to a USB we can transfer it to the school system).

Please could these be brought in by Friday 13th October. You can do it!

Forest Schools...can you help?

Like last year, we will be continuing our Forest School learning every Half Term 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. If you feel you would be able to volunteer to help on these visits for either 1 session approx. 8.45-10.15am or both sessions up until approx. 11.45am then please leave your details with the office.

Exit Point

We would like to invite you and the children's grandparents to come and share your child's topic work for the first part of this term on **Thursday 19th October at 2.30pm** and help your child to complete a crafty activity!

Please may I take this opportunity to remind you this is a chance for you to spend quality time with your child, as they look forward to sharing their successes and hard work with you regarding this topic. We look forward to seeing you then!

Home learning

As children (and Teachers'😊) are settling back in to 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 (physical as well as online), library books and home readers. However, our main aim is to get children enthused with reading.



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This Term, your child will be given a Reading Record and anything that your child is reading can be logged in here as it helps us to understand your child's reading journey, as well as their preferred genres.

Please could these be returned every **Monday** so the teacher is able to look in their record book.

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. As a reminder, children do have access to all of the activities, so there is always something for them to do!

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

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