

# KS1 Newsletter

## Autumn 2023



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year! We hope you have all had a lovely summer break and that your child is ready to begin another exciting year.

As usual, we are sending home a newsletter at the start of the term to provide you with details about the new topic as well as other important information.

This term's topic is called '**Paddington and Friends**' and as usual, it is packed full of exciting learning opportunities across all subjects.

### Our Curriculum this term.

**English** – This term the children will continue to develop their love of reading and writing. We will begin the term by sharing the text 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy. They will focus on combining words to make sentences, leaving spaces between words, and using punctuation and capital letters correctly. We will also be looking at a variety of Paddington books throughout our learning. After half term, we will look at the story, 'The Journey Home' by Emma Levey and we will look at a Great Fire of London text, working alongside our history unit.

**Maths** – Year one children will work with numbers to ten. They will look at part whole models and add and subtract. Following this they will focus on the topic of shape. Year two children will begin by looking at numbers to one hundred before focusing on addition and subtraction. We will finish the term focusing on the properties of shape.

**Science** – As Scientists, we will focus on 'Animals including humans'. We will label body parts, identify senses, consider good hygiene and finally discuss the importance of exercise and healthy eating.

**D.T** - As designers we will use different mechanisms to create a moving picture based on the Great Fire of London.

**Art** – As artists we will be using drawing, collage and mark-making to explore spirals. We will use our sketchbooks in a meaningful way.

**History** - As historians we will investigate The Great Fire of London as an event that happened beyond our living memory that is significant nationally or globally. We will mark and commemorate the anniversary of the Remembrance Day through a collective assembly

**Music** – As musicians, we will develop our listening skills and explore sounds around us, looking specifically at transport and journeys. We will accompany a song with untuned and tuned percussion instruments and to compose a piece of music about the Great Fire of London.

**Computing**– During the Autumn term we will be using Venn Diagrams to represent data on the iPads.

**RE** – This term, we will look at Christianity. We will look at the creation story in the first half term and answer the question, 'Does God want Christians to look after the World?'. During the second half term, we will look at The Christmas Story and answer the question, 'What gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus if he had been born here rather than in Bethlehem?'

**Geography** - As Geographers we will use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of our school and its grounds. We will use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and features; devising a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key. We will then use maps to locate the United Kingdom and its four countries. We will continue to name, locate and identify the characteristics of England and the capital city of London.

**PSHE** - As good and healthy citizens in our PSHE learning we will learn to deal with our feelings in positive ways and recognise and name feelings.

We will continue with the mental and emotional wellbeing programme 'My Happy Mind'. Once a week, all children in school will continue to participate in activities linked to five modules - the brain, celebrate, appreciate, relate and engage. Each module introduces a new set of content and habits to help children build resilience, self-esteem and confidence.



### **PE**

The children will continue to take part in two PE sessions a week. One outdoors and one indoors.

**Please return your child's PE kit as soon as possible.** For safety reasons, please ensure children have long hair tied back and any earrings that cannot be removed will be covered with tape.




### The WOW factor!

When planning each topic, we carefully consider ways that we can enhance the children's learning and spark curiosity that enthuses children to ask questions. As part of our learning in science, there will be a whole school focus on keeping healthy in September. On the 28<sup>th</sup> September we will join with the rest of the school to mark European Languages day. In History the children will learn about the events connected to the Great Fire of London. We are very excited to be able to take the children on a trip out of school. The trip will be to visit Weaver Hall Museum in Northwich. Through a drama workshop, the children will hear first-hand accounts of the Great Fire of London, learn about some 17th Century firefighting techniques and try out some of the daily chores in the Pepys household. A letter containing more information on the trip will be emailed to you closer to the time but the visits will take place in the week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The cost of the trip will be £15 per child. This covers the museum workshops and coach.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> October the children in year two will visit St. George's church to take part in a Wonderful World workshop linked to our learning in RE.

Please remember to also look on school spider, and read the weekly newsletter, to keep up to date with other events that will be happening within school.

### Housekeeping

Your child needs to bring their water bottle and book bag each day. Please do **NOT** send in rucksacks as we do not have the space to store them. The corridor is narrow and when the children have coats and rucksacks on their peg they inevitably fall off and can then cause a trip hazard.  As we begin a new school year, please ensure that all items of clothing are named.

### Homework

A separate letter has been emailed to you explaining streamlined changes to the homework that your child will receive. Specific details for Key Stage one homework are attached to this letter and your child's personal log in details for the apps you will need are stuck into your child's reading record. We appreciate that there is a lot of new information at the start of a new school year, but we have tried to provide clear support that we hope will be helpful.



**Reading is our main priority in Key Stage one. We ask that you hear your child read as regularly as possible as well as reading to them.**

### Our School Rule

We should smile, be friendly and care for one another  
Be well mannered and polite  
Speak the truth  
Be fair  
Treat each other with respect and how you would like to be treated  
Be the best you can be

### School Values



Naturally, we expect a high standard of behaviour and attitude as it is important to achieve a happy and purposeful classroom.

As you can see we have a wonderful term planned and we are sure that your child will enjoy all the new opportunities and experiences that this year has to offer. Please do not hesitate to contact at us at any point if you have any queries or concerns. As always, we will not allow your child to leave school unless we recognise the adult who is there to collect them. Please do let us know any regular home time arrangements and if there are any changes then please contact the office who will pass on your message. We will not always see dojo messages within the school day as we will be teaching, so any urgent messages must be sent to the office.

We are very excited to begin a new school year and thank you for your continued support.

Key Stage one team