

Varna Community Primary School

Y1 & Y2 Autumn Newsletter

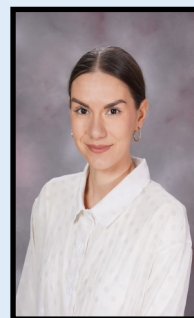


Welcome

Welcome to the new school year. We have enjoyed hearing all of the exciting news shared from the summer holidays and we have had a great first few weeks settling back into school.

In KS1, we strive for an inclusive ethos filled with fun learning opportunities. To ensure we provide children with the best learning outcomes, it is essential for teachers and parents to work together.

This newsletter is to provide you with information for Autumn Term including key information and dates. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to discuss any questions you have.



Meet the team!



Miss Hussein
1H Teacher



Miss Govey
1G Teacher



Ms Branson
1H LSA



Mrs Awortwi
1G LSA



Mrs Buck
**2SB Teacher/
Phase Leader**



Miss Barker
2AB Teacher



Miss Calvert
2AB LSA



Mrs Yates
2SB LSA

What we are learning this term...

Year 1–Autumn 1

We will be learning all about the story 'Pumpkin Soup' where we will spend the term learning about animals and living things. We will learn to retell the story as well as having the opportunity to access many linked experiences like planting seeds and watching them grow; exploring autumnal clothes, comparing them to other seasons' painting seasonal art and making our own pumpkin soup! We will also be learning ...

- History - Guy Fawkes
- Science - Sensing Seasons: exploring the seasons and our changing world.
- Mathematics: Numbers to 10, number bonds, part-whole within 10, addition and subtraction within 10, 2D and 3D shapes and numbers to 20.
- Art: Seasons Painting: Studying the artists David Hockney and Damien Hirst with our school artist.
- In our computing curriculum we will be learning how to stay safe online whilst learning about our online life.
- In PSHE we will be learning about 'Emotional and Mental Health.'

Year 1–Autumn 2

We will be learning all about the story 'The Little Red Riding Hood' where we will spend the term learning about where we live, autumn and winter and flying kites. We will learn to retell the story as well as having the opportunity to access many linked experiences like making kites and exploring materials for Elves to make gifts. This term, we will also have Christmas activities happening. We will also be learning...

- Geography—Where do I live? Exploring the local area.
- Science - Everyday Materials.
- Mathematics: Numbers to 10, number bonds, part-whole within 10, addition and subtraction within 10, 2D and 3D shapes and numbers to 20.
- DT—Making Kites
- In our computing curriculum we will be learning how to stay safe online whilst learning about our online life.
- In PSHE we will be learning about 'Living In the Wider World.'

Year 2

In Autumn 1, we will be studying the story 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs'. We will learn to retell the story as well as having the opportunity to access many linked experiences like making moving farm animal pictures, learning about different types of farms, performing poetry and following our own recipes to make wolf cakes from our story. We will also be learning ...

- Geography: At the farm: we will be learning about the different types of farms.
- Science - Natural habitats
- Mathematics: Numbers to 100—number bonds.
- DT: Moving Farm Animals: we will be making moving mechanisms.
- In our computing curriculum we will be learning how to stay safe online whilst learning about our online life.
- In RE, we will be learning about Christianity.
- In PSHE we will be learning about 'Emotional and Mental Health.'

Year 2

In Autumn 2, we will be studying texts related to the Great Fire of London. We will carry out role play to take the children back to 1666 so they can immerse themselves in what it was like. This term, we will also have Christmas activities happening. We will also be learning...

- History—The Great Fire of London.
- Science - Materials: Good Choices.
- Mathematics: Addition and subtraction
- Art—Printing—The Great Fire of London
- In our computing curriculum we will be learning how to stay safe online whilst learning about our online life.
- In RE, we will be learning about Christianity.
- In PSHE we will be learning about 'Living In the Wider World.'

Dates for your diary...

<u>Wednesday 3rd September</u>	School opens for pupils
<u>Sunday 14th September</u>	Deadline for flu vaccination forms
<u>Friday 19th September</u>	KSI Home Learning workshop
<u>Thursday 25th September</u>	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9-10am
<u>Monday 20th October &</u>	Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening
<u>Wednesday 22nd October</u>	
<u>Friday 24th October</u>	School closes for half term
<u>Monday 28th October</u>	School opens for pupils
<u>Friday 5th November</u>	Individual and sibling photos
<u>Monday 10th November - Friday 14th</u>	<u>Anti Bullying Week</u>
<u>November</u>	Odd Socks Day - 10th November
	Children in Need - 14th November
<u>Friday 21st November 2025</u>	Children in Need
<u>Monday 8th December</u>	Santa Stomp
<u>Tuesday 9th December</u>	Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas lunch and party
<u>Thursday 11th December</u>	Christmas pantomime
<u>Tuesday 16th December PM</u>	KSI Nativity (Y1 parents)
<u>Wednesday 17th December PM</u>	KSI Nativity (Y2 parents)
<u>Friday 19th December</u>	School closes for Christmas
<u>Tuesday 6th January</u>	School opens for pupils

A message from the Head teacher...

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to you and your family. We are looking forward to having another successful term here at Varna and we have so many exciting things to look forward to. Here at Varna we do all we can to nurture the growth of the whole child, academically, socially, emotionally, morally and physically and we celebrate all their achievements as much as we can. We try to extend learning beyond the classroom and this coming term we have many educational visits and extra curricular learning opportunities planned.

We have a very dedicated and hardworking team in the KSI team who give all they can for the children in their care. Working alongside parents is the way to success for all our children and we encourage you to speak to your child's teacher if you have any concerns or things you would like us to celebrate with you.

Very best wishes and thank you for your continued support,



A message from the attendance team:

At Varna we have excellent attendance and are above the national primary average! Thank you for your commitment to your child's attendance and supporting school with ensuring that they get the most from their primary education. Please remember that the school day starts at 8:50am and children must arrive at school before then or they will be marked as late. The school day finishes at 3:20pm, please ensure you collect your child on time. Thank you for your ongoing support with attendance and punctuality and please speak to Mrs Cheetham or Mrs Whitehurst if you have any questions about this.



Key Information:



Homework

Homework will be sent out on Thursday and expected to be handed in the following Tuesday.

The children will have a book to read and parents to fill out the reading journal, a optional topic homework page to be done in the purple books, a spelling homework and a maths homework.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

PE days:

IG— Thursday (indoor and outdoor)

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2SB—Tuesday (indoor PE), Thursday (outdoor PE)

2AB—Tuesday (outdoor), Wednesday (indoor)