

10 September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a lovely summer break. We are delighted to have the children back in school, for what we hope will be an uninterrupted year of schooling!

As the school continues to grow, we welcome many new faces to the school, both children and adults.

KS1 Team 2021 - 2022

Year 1

Rowan: Miss Cain

Birch: Miss Buckingham

Teaching assistants: Mrs Park, Miss Jeffery & Mrs Roberts

Year 2

Maple: Mrs Masterton

Willow: Miss Holyoak

Teaching assistants: Mrs Sheppard & Miss Woods

Beginning and end of the school day

The KS1 school day begins at 08:30. Children are encouraged to say goodbye to their parents at the school gate and walk to their classroom where the teacher will be waiting at the door. Parents are welcome to walk their child to the classroom door if their child prefers, or if they have a quick / urgent message for the teacher. Children should be collected from their classroom door at the end of the school day, which is 15:15.

Please make sure that the school is informed about any changes to home time collection plans or unexpected late pickups, so that this information can be passed to the teacher before the end of the day.

Themes

We use a creative curriculum approach to our learning and for the Autumn term, our themes are:

Year 1: Into the Woods

Year 2: Sailing the Seven Seas

PE days

Children should come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. If children are taking part in after school clubs on different days to our PE days, they should bring their kit to change into after school. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform i.e. **black bottoms, green Wixams Tree t-shirt, red jumper, trainers/pumps**. Long hair must be tied back on PE days and earrings must be removed or covered with tape.

Rowan: Tuesday and Wednesday

Birch: Wednesday and Thursday

Willow: Wednesday and Friday

Maple: Monday and Wednesday

Reading & homework

Over the next few days, the children will start to bring reading books home. Their starting point will be the book level they were on at the end of the summer term and teachers will review these as they get to know the children over the coming weeks. Please read with your child as often as possible and sign their reading record after doing so.

Children will also have spellings to learn at home. Please support your child to practise their spellings at home in preparation for a spelling check which will take place on a Friday. There will also be weekly maths homework – set on a Wednesday and due by Tuesday the following week. Homework will reflect the learning taking place in class that week. Later in the year, Year 2 children will also get times table homework. Updated login details for the online learning systems we use in school e.g. SpellingShed/MathsShed, will be issued shortly.

School uniform

Please ensure that that all items of school uniform (especially green/red jumpers, cardigans and ties) are named. Please ensure that long hair is tied back. In the current situation, we must ensure good ventilation in classrooms by opening windows and doors, so children should always have a jumper/cardigan with them, as classrooms may be chilly at times.

Water, lunch bags and snacks

Lunch bags – please ensure that lunch bags are named on the outside, where clearly visible.

Water - Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day, which is filled with water. Children may have squash in their packed lunch, but only water is permitted in the classroom.

Snack - Children in KS1 are able to get a fruit/veg snack from school at morning break. They may bring a bring snack from home but it should be 100% fruit or vegetable based. Biscuits/cake/crackers are not allowed.

Birthday treats – Sweets/treats in sealed packaging may be brought into school to celebrate birthdays.

Nuts - Please remember that we are a NUT FREE school and no nuts should be present in snacks, lunches or birthday treats.

Milk - Children who are registered for milk will receive this at break time. If you would like to register your child for milk, please request a sign up letter.

Parent & teacher communication

Parent/teacher consultations will take place later in the term according to guidance in place at the time. If you have any concerns before then, please call or email the school to arrange a discussion with the class teacher.

Best wishes,

Mrs Masterton (Key Stage 1 Lead)