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Welcome back to school

We hope you have all had a fantastic summer and are ready for a busy and exciting year. Our shared aim is for your child to have a happy and successful time in Key Stage 1 (Year 1/2).

Within our 'This term in Year 1/2' section on the school website, you will find our curriculum plan to see what your child will be covering this term, as well as updated information regarding Forest Schools, PE lessons and much more.

Phonics

Year 1 children will be taking part in a statutory phonics screening check during the week commencing Monday 14th June 2027. Some year 2 children will also be required to re-sit the test if they did not score above the threshold when they were in year 1.

Children will continue to be taught in phonics groups this year which may be with an adult that is not their class teacher. These groups are set based on your child's phonics level which is determined by half-termly assessments. You can check this by looking at their phonics reading book that comes home and checking which colour band they are reading.

Maths

Maths lessons will be taught in groups tailored to your child's specific level of attainment and confidence in maths. This may not be with your child's class teacher. We aim to set maths groups which allow your child to have adequate support and challenge.

Homework is set from Friday 11th September

Spelling

Children who have moved off the phonics scheme are set spellings on Spelling Shed. Log-ins are stuck in reading records. New lists will be set on a Friday and a spelling test will be done in school on the following Friday.

Reading

It is important that children read every day. Your child will usually receive a new reading book every Monday, unless they are a free reader, when they can change their book as they finish it. Reading with your child daily at home will ensure that they will be exposed to a wide range of words. This will help them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they listen, which is vital. In addition to their reading book, the children will also visit the school library every week and will bring home a book of their choice.

Please write in your child's reading diary so that we can acknowledge when they have read at home. Children will receive a house point for every time that they read at home. This can be their school reading book, a reading book from home, a magazine, phonics sound practice or any other kind of reading!

Library Times (Autumn term)



Orange Blossom (Mrs Parker) - Tuesday

Apple Blossom (Miss Taylor/Mr English) - Monday

Cherry Blossom (Mrs Clarke/Mrs Romero) - Thursday

Reading Journal

Every class will have their own journal so everyone will have the opportunity to write about their favourite book and share it with the class. Instructions are provided. Please make sure it is returned on time as the next child will be waiting to take it home.

PE

PE will usually take place twice a week but **once a week in the Forest Schools term**. Please ensure they have the correct kit in school all week and take home on a Friday if you so wish. Earrings ideally need to be removed or alternatively provide plasters so they can be covered by your child before the lesson. If you are sending your child to school in tights, please ensure that you have sent a spare pair of socks in their PE bag. **We highly recommend labelling every piece of clothing that is in school.**

PE Times (Autumn Term)

Orange Blossom (Mrs Parker) - Thursday and Friday

Apple Blossom (Miss Taylor/Mr English) - Thursday and Friday

Cherry Blossom (Mrs Clarke/Mrs Romero) - Monday and Friday

Forest Schools – NOT IN THE AUTUMN TERM

When year 1/2 children take part in their Forest School sessions, they will be required to have Forest School clothing, which should consist of waterproof pants and a jacket as well as suitable layers underneath. Children should either wear waterproof walking boots that cover the ankle or wellington boots. Please ensure that your child is dressed adequately for the day's weather.

Mr English is always appreciative of volunteers, so please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help out on any of the sessions. You will be given notice of when your child is due to take part in Forest School sessions and more information will be supplied.

Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers who would like to listen to the children as they read. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer, please get in touch with the school office.

Please let us know if you have any questions or queries. We will always do our best to help. We look forward to a brilliant year!

The KS1 Team

Mrs Parker & Miss Deakin (Orange Blossom)

Miss Taylor, Mr English & Miss Bresciani (Apple Blossom)

Mrs Clarke, Mrs Romero & Miss White (Cherry Blossom)

