



# KS1 Newsletter: Term 4 Feb - March 2024

Sycamore



Magnolia



Maple



Hawthorn



Hazel



Holly



## Welcome back

We hope you had a lovely half term break. We are excited to start Term 4 and begin our fantastic new topic!

## New Topic - We're Roaming in the Rainforest



Our topic this term has a Geography focus exploring jungles and rainforests across the world. We will be learning facts about the different animals found in these habitats, creating some art work inspired by Henri Rousseau and have our exciting trip to look forward to!

## Reading

At Paulton Infant School we aim for all children to be read with by a Teacher or TA each week with the hope that this is more frequent where possible. We also have 10 minutes daily where children read their decodable book in their book bag independently or with a partner. Therefore, **named book bags must be in school every day** to allow for reading opportunities to happen whenever possible. Please continue to write in your child's reading record **every time they read with you at home** and remember we actively encourage re-reading books and suggest that books should be read at least 3 times as this is proven to help reading development. Remember, each time you read and sign the yellow reading record is another dot on our 'Reading Rainbow'. Each term the class with the most dots earns a reward.

## Year 1 Homework:

Y1 homework this term will continue with word bags with Common Exception Words (CEW) to work on reading and spelling correctly. Please look out for additional spelling homework coming home this term on Fridays, please return the following Thursday.

## Year 2 Homework:

Y2s will continue to bring home weekly homework in their homework book. This will alternate between English and maths tasks. We expect the homework to be returned on Fridays so it can be marked and new homework prepared by staff for the following week.

There will continue to be **themed homework tasks** for all children to do if they choose, shared on our KS1 website page. We can't wait to see them!

## Weather

Please continue to ensure that children come to school with a suitable coat and when possible hat, gloves and scarf. (All named please)

## Forest School and Wellies

Each class will have two terms of Forest school per school year. This term it is the turn for Hazel and Hawthorn classes (Each class will have 3 sessions). Please see separate email regarding dates. Please ensure your child has a pair of named wellies and waterproofs with them on their day and they come to school in their Forest School clothes with their school uniform ready to change into. Please note, wellies will need to be taken home that day and returned to school weekly, not stored at school for the term. Wellies not claimed will go to lost property.

## PE Days

Hawthorn and Hazel Class on Mondays and Wednesdays  
Holly Class - Fridays  
Magnolia - Fridays (double session)  
Maple - Wednesdays and Thursdays  
Sycamore - Tuesdays and Fridays

## Clubs

After school clubs will continue to run this term, offering a range of exciting extra-curricular opportunities!

## Dates for your diary

**Term Starts:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Open door Fridays** - every two weeks starting in week 2 on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**Week 3: School Book Week and World Book Day on Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March** - specific information to follow

## **Week 4: Bristol Zoo Project Trips**

Hazel & Hawthorn Wed 13<sup>th</sup> March

Magnolia, Maple & Sycamore Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> March

## **Week 5:**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024** -

Stay and Read 3:05 - 3:20pm.

Y2 Group Dance Umbrella Performance

**Parents Evenings** (3.30-6pm)

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**Term Ends:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Term 5 starts:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Thank you for your support,

Miss Light, Mrs Tanner, Mrs Coles, Mr Cozens, Mrs Kendrew, Mrs Smart, Mrs Butcher & Mrs Hitchens