



# KS1 Newsletter: Term 3 Jan-Feb 2024

Sycamore



Magnolia



Maple



Hawthorn



Hazel



Holly



## Welcome back

A very Happy New Year to you all, we hope you had a wonderfully festive Christmas holiday. We are excited to start Term 3 and begin our fantastic new topic!

## New Topic - Land of the Dinosaurs!



Our topic this term is 'Land of the Dinosaurs.' We will be learning all about the different time periods, finding out about different types of dinosaurs, exploring fossils and how they help us to learn so much about the past and exploring the life of Mary Anning who was known for finding 'curiosities' and helping the world know about the land of the dinosaurs! We are sure you will love this topic 😊

## 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 - which class will win the class reading treat this term?

## Year 1 Homework:

Y1 homework this term will continue with word bags with Common Exception Words (CEW) to work on reading and spelling correctly.

## 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. **Forest school will start hopefully in week 2 but the site will be risk assessed due to long spell of wet weather we have had first and then this will be confirmed.**

This term it is the turn for Magnolia (Wednesdays), Sycamore (Thursdays) and Maple (Fridays) classes. 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:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

**Open door Fridays** - every two weeks starting in week 2 on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January

**Week 5 - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January**- Stay and Read 3:05 - 3:20pm.

**Term Ends:** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Term 4 starts:** Tuesday 20<sup>st</sup> February 2024

The next round of parents' evenings will be towards the end of Term 4

Thank you for your support,  
Miss Light, Mrs Tanner, Mrs Coles, Mr Cozens, Mrs Kendrew, Mrs Smart, Mrs Butcher & Mrs Hitchens