



KS1 Newsletter: Term 5 April - May 2023

Sycamore



Magnolia



Maple



Hawthorn



Hazel



Holly



Welcome back

We hope you have all had a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to an exciting new term.

Theme - Marvellous Minibeasts

Our theme this term is 'Marvellous Minibeasts.' We will be learning all about minibeasts and their lifecycles. We will also enjoy spotting minibeasts around the school in their different habitats.

Reading

Please continue to read regularly with your child (at least 3x per week) and write in their yellow reading diaries. Remember sharing a story is equally as important as children reading to you and we recommend that you engage with each book multiple times as this supports overall fluency and comprehension. We continue to have an increased access to Oxford Owls which provides you with further phonetically aligned reading books. Please do contact your child's class teacher if you need any support with selecting books for your child.

Year 2 SATS

This term the majority of Year 2s will be sitting the 'Statutory Attainment Tests' (SATS). All families were sent further information about this via email just before the Easter break. We run these as 'quizzes' and have previously found children enjoy taking part in them. There is more information about this on our website under the KS1 tab.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Mrs Upham will be providing a video explaining a little about the Phonics Screening Check which will take place in Term 6. During this, Year 1 children (and Year 2 children retaking) will sit a statutory Phonics test. Individually they will read a set of 40 decodable words to a familiar adult. The 40 words will consist of real and 'alien' words. 'Alien words' are words which are decodable but are not real, they are accompanied by a picture of an alien. An example of words in the Phonics Screening Check are below.

plunt 	globe
flards 	teams
spran 	bowl
splew 	chase

Clothing

As the weather starts to warm up we understand that sometimes coats sometimes may not be brought to school. Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing in school as we go outside at playtime in all weathers. Please ensure clothes have a clear name label in them.

PE Days

Please ensure your child has a named PE kit, in a named PE bag. Each class has a dedicated space to keep PE kits throughout the term.

PE Days this term:

Hazel - Monday & Friday

Hawthorn - Monday & Friday

Sycamore - Tuesday & Friday

Magnolia - Wednesday & Thursday

Maple - Wednesday & Thursday

Holly - Friday (with PE coach and an afternoon session with their afternoon class)

Forest School dates

Wednesday - Hawthorn

Thursday - Hazel

Friday - Holly

Please wear clothes suitable for Forest School and bring school clothes to get changed into afterwards.

The site can get very muddy, please send your child to Forest School in clothes which can get muddy.

Clubs

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

Dates for your diary

Monday 17th April - Return to school

Friday 28th April - Open Door Friday

Monday 1st May - Bank holiday (no school)

Monday 8th May - Bank holiday (no school)

Tuesday 9th May - Class and Year 2 leavers photos

Friday 12th May - Open Door Friday

Monday 15th May - KS1 Stay and Read

Friday 19th May - Last day of Term 5

Monday 5th June - INSET

Tuesday 6th June - Start of Term 6

Friday 21st June - Last day of Term 6

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Butcher, Mrs Gearing, Miss Jones, Miss French,
Mrs Tanner, Mrs Kendrew, Miss Eden & Mrs Hitchens