



## KS1 Newsletter: Term 3 Jan-Feb 2023

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!

We are pleased to welcome Miss French to the Key Stage One team, who will be teaching in Maple Class.

### New Topic - Pole to Pole

This term we will become polar explorers and 'travel' the globe to investigate the conditions, animals and habitats at both the North and South Poles. We will also be using our Geography skills to locate the world's continents and oceans then comparing where we live to contrasting areas across the globe. In the last week of term we will be asking the children to come in dressed as explorers. This is going to be linked to our classroom learning on that day and to a homework task we will send nearer the time.

### 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. We will also be introducing weekly CEW spellings, with some suggestions of strategies to practise spelling these words from memory.

### Year 2 Homework:

Y2s will continue to bring home weekly homework in their homework book. This will alternate between English and maths task. 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 knowledge organisers. Please continue to use Evidence Me to share this with us. 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 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 Fridays  
Holly Class - Fridays  
Magnolia - Wednesdays and Thursdays  
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 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Open door Fridays** - every two weeks starting in week 2 on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January

**Week 5 - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January**- Stay and Read 2.45-3pm.

**Week 6 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February** - Explorers Dress up day

**Week 6 -beginning 6<sup>th</sup> February Parents' evenings** - face to face meetings - information for booking will be sent nearer the time

**Term Ends:** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Term 4 starts:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Thank you for your support,  
Mrs Butcher, Mrs Gearing, Miss Jones, Miss French, Mrs Tanner, Mrs Kendrew, Miss Eden & Mrs Hitchens