



KS1 Newsletter: Term 1 Sept- Oct 2023

Sycamore



Magnolia



Maple



Hawthorn



Hazel



Holly



Welcome back.

We hope you have all enjoyed the holidays and feel refreshed and ready for a new term!

There have been some changes to our team from the last school year. We welcome back Mr Cozens and also Miss Light who got married recently. Miss French also got married during the holidays and will be known as Mrs Smart. Finally, we welcome Mrs Coles to our team too as class teacher.

Our classes/staff are as follows:

Hazel Class: Mrs Coles

Hawthorn Class: Mrs Tanner and Miss Light

Maple Class: Mrs Kendrew and Mr Cozens

Magnolia Class: Mrs Smart

Sycamore Class: Mrs Butcher and Mrs Jordan

Holly Class (ams only) Mrs Hitchens

Theme - In the Deep, Dark Woods!

Our theme this term will be

'In the Deep, Dark Woods'.

As part of the topic we will be

learning about woodland animals,

reading traditional tales, creating artwork from natural materials and enjoying role play opportunities at playscape. We will also be using this term to help children to settle in to school, re-establish new and existing expectations and carrying out assessments to help determine gaps that children may have in their learning and ways that we can support with this.

Just a reminder at the beginning of each term the KS1 pages on our school website are always updated with key learning information.



Homework

Please see the homework agreement on the website for suggested learning tasks that you and your child may wish to complete during the course of Term 1.

Remember, these tasks are suggested ideas and we also welcome additional learning projects that children are inspired by. We do ask that projects and models do not come into school but would welcome photos, videos shared via Evidence Me. We will gradually introduce other homework tasks and will update you when we do.

Reading

Reading is hugely important and even more so in light of recent school closures. 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. Therefore, we ask that **named book bags are in school every day** to allow for reading opportunities to happen whenever possible.

Reading continued

Please continue to write in your child's reading record **every time they read with you at home** and remember we actively encourage rereading books and suggest that books should be read at least 3 times as this is proven to help reading development.

P.E.Kits

PE sessions will resume as a normal part of the school curriculum with each class having their own PE slots. PE sessions may take place inside or outside so please ensure that they have suitable footwear and clothing for outside games. We continue to ask that children have the correct kit for PE on their PE days. **All PE kits should have a plain white or blue t shirt, dark plain shorts or joggers, socks, daps or trainers with each item named as well as the bag it is kept in.** Class teachers will notify you of the specific PE days.

Forest School and Wellies

Each class will have two terms of Forest School per school year. This term it is the turn for Magnolia, Maple and Sycamore classes. Please ensure your child has a pair of named wellies with them on their day and they come to school in their own clothes with their school uniform ready to change into.

Dates for your Diary!

Mon 4th Sept: Term 1 starts

WEEK 2

Forest school starts for Magnolia, Sycamore and Maple - Look out for info from class teachers

Wed 20th Sept: Individual photos day

Monday 3rd Oct: Harvest Assembly in this week for the children - donations for the Paulton Larder, more details nearer the time

Mon 9th Oct: KS1 stay and read - 3:00 - 3:20pm

Mon 16th Oct: Parents Evening week TBC

Thurs 19th Oct: Last day of term for children

Fri 20th Oct: INSET DAY

Mon 30th Oct: Term 2 Starts

Fri 15th Dec: Term 2 Ends

To follow:

- Details of how to book for Parents Evenings in the last week of term

Thank you for your support,

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