



KS1 Newsletter: Term 2 Oct- Dec 2023

Sycamore



Magnolia



Maple



Hawthorn



Hazel



Holly



Welcome back.

We hope you have had a lovely break and are feeling relaxed, rested and ready to go for what is sure to be a busy term ahead.

Just as a reminder, our KS1 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

Please do not hesitate to contact any of us if you have any queries. Appointments can be made on the door or through the office at any time.

Theme - The Great Fire of London

Our theme this term will be

'The Great Fire of London.

As part of the topic we will be learning about life in the past, including the significance of Samuel Pepys and his diary. This will help us think about sources of information in history. We will also be creating art work as we observe tudor houses and understand a little more about why the fire spread so quickly and also recognising how life has changed drastically between then and present day. This is a really exciting topic that we are sure will be enjoyed by everyone. Please do remember that over the course of the first week, the KS1 pages on our school website will be updated and this will include key learning information and sources of support.



Homework

Please see the homework agreement on the website for suggested optional learning tasks that you and your child may wish to complete during the course of Term 2. 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. Consolidation activities using literacy and maths skills will also be sent out for Year 2 children over the course of the term.

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. Children will change books when they are reading the text with fluency and prosody which means sometimes children will keep a given book for increased periods.

P.E.Kits

PE sessions will continue as 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 children 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 in due course if they haven't already done so.*

Forest School and Wellies

Each class will have two terms of Forest School per school year. This term it is the turn for Hawthorn and Hazel and Holly 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 30th Oct: Term 2 starts

Tue 31st Oct: Flu Spray

WC 6th Nov:

Forest school starts for Hazel, Hawthorn and Holly - Look out for info from class teachers

Tue 7th Nov: Dog's Trust Assembly & Workshops

Fri 1st Dec: PTA Xmas Fair

Wed 6th Dec: Y1 Nativity Performance (PM)

details to book your place to follow nearer the time

Thu 7th Dec: Y1 Nativity Performance (AM)

details to book your place to follow nearer the time

Wed 13th Dec: Y2 Carol Service - details to follow nearer the time

Thu 14th Dec: Pantomime!

Fri 15th Dec: Last Day of term for children

Tue 2nd Jan: INSET Day

Wed 3rd Jan: Term 3 Starts

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