



# KS1 Newsletter: Term 1 Sept- Oct 2022

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! The children have all made a brilliant start to the new term in their classes and we are all really proud of them.

## Theme - Across the Drawbridge

Our topic this term is 'Across the Drawbridge.' We will be thinking about life in castles, knights, fairytales and dragons. We will be celebrating this topic towards the end of term with a 'Medieval Banquet' for which we will be inviting the children to dress up and take part in a feast as well as some courtly dancing. We are also in the process of planning a castle trip to Farleigh Hungerford Castle. More details will follow in a separate letter very soon.

## Reading

Reading is hugely important and even more so in light of recent school closure. 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. 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.

## 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 etc sent to the year group emails:

[Y1@paulton-inf.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:Y1@paulton-inf.bathnes.sch.uk)

[Y2@paulton-inf.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:Y2@paulton-inf.bathnes.sch.uk)

## P.E.Kits

PE sessions will resume as a normal part of the school curriculum with each class having their own PE slot. Some classes may have sessions delivered through visiting coaches and this will take place during ordinary PE sessions. PE sessions may take place inside or outside so please ensure that they have suitable footwear and clothing for outside games. Class teachers will notify you via School Comms the required day for PE kits each term but please do ask if you are unsure.

## Swimming

Swimming continues on a rota basis this year. Each term will alternate between Year 1 and Year 2. This term Year 1 children will swim. Please ensure that your child brings a complete kit on their swimming day that includes a *swimming hat, goggles, towel and trunks or swimming costume (tankinis are allowed)*. Please send your child to school dressed for swimming underneath their uniform. We ask that children wear joggers and avoid tights. **Please Note:** A Parent helper with a DBS check will be required to support with walking groups to and from the pool including support with changing.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Term 1 starts

### **WEEK 2**

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

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Swimming starts for Year 1s

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct:** Harvest Assembly for the children - donations for the Paulton Larder

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Parents Evening week TBC

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct:** End of Term 1

**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct:** Term 2 Starts

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Term 2 Ends

### **To follow:**

- Castle Trip Dates when booking is confirmed
- Details of how to book for Parents Evenings in the last week of term

Thank you for your support,  
Mrs Butcher, Mrs Gearing, Miss Jones, Mrs Blacker-Willetts, Mrs Tanner, Mrs Kendrew. Miss Eden & Mrs Hitchens