



KS1 Newsletter: Term 1 September 2018

Sapphire



Amethyst



Topaz



Emerald



Diamond



Welcome back.

We hope you have all enjoyed the long summer holiday and feel refreshed and ready for a new school year! The children have settled into their new classes really well and are quickly adapting to new routines! As always, please see your child's class teacher if you have any questions.



Topic - In the Deep, Dark Wood

Our topic this term is 'In the Deep, Dark Wood.' We will be learning about woodland animals, reading traditional tales, creating artwork from natural materials and will even be visiting Chelwood Forest at the end of this term! (More details to follow in a separate letter soon.)

Reading

To ensure quality time is spent hearing individual readers, children will now read individually with a school adult fortnightly, books will still be changed weekly. Please ensure bookbags come into school every day as there will be plenty of opportunities to read throughout each week.

If you are able to spare any time we are always looking for volunteers to hear readers. Please see your child's class teacher if you can help. We really do appreciate reading volunteers and your help really does make a difference.

Author of the Term

This term our focus author will be Beatrix Potter! If you have any Beatrix Potter books you would like to share please send them in to read to the class.

Reading Rewards

Please continue to write in your child's reading record *every time* they read with you at home. We know that regular practice at home does increase progress in reading. Thank you.

Stay and Read

Sessions will be on **Tuesday mornings** at drop off time.

Forest School

Forest School will be happening on rotation this year. Please see individual class notice boards to see when your class will go. Please ensure wellies are in school and appropriate clothes are worn for the weather conditions.

Swimming

Please sign up to help us with swimming, without your support we are unable to go. Sign up sheets will be outside each classroom. Swimming helpers must hold a valid DBS check, please pop and see Mrs Niemand or Mrs Perry in the office to get the forms.

Swimming kits - please ensure the kit includes a swimming hat *and* goggles with each item individually named.

Class swimming for KS1 will run as follows:
Wednesdays: Diamond, Emerald and Sapphire
Fridays: Amethyst, Moonstone and Topaz

Naming Belongings

At this time of year especially there are lots of lovely new jumpers, bags and belongings therefore we ask that all items which belong to your child are individually named and that this includes *all* of PE and swimming items as well as the bag it is kept in.

Spare Clothes

If you have any uniform, socks, knickers, pants, tights, swimming kits etc that your children have grown out of please donate them to our spare clothes box! These can be passed to your child's class teacher or handed into the office. Thank you!

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 27th September: Individual Photos
Fri 28th September: Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thursday 4th October: Sponsored Walk
Tues 9th October: Reading Meeting EYFS (all welcome)

Fri 12th October: Harvest Sale

Thurs 18th October: Parent's Evening

Mon 22nd October: Chelwood Forest - Topaz and Amethyst

Tues 23rd October: Parent's Evening

Thurs 25th October: Chelwood Forest - Diamond, Emerald and Sapphire

Fri 26th October: End of Term 1

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Holmes, Mrs Butcher and Mrs Woodlock, Mr

