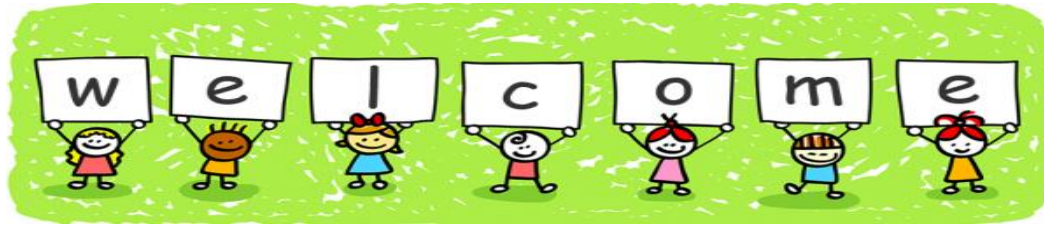




# Key Stage One Autumn Term 2021



Dear Parents,

Welcome

back! We hope you have enjoyed the summer holidays. All of the staff in Key Stage One are looking forward to getting to know your children and supporting them on their learning journey. This is just a brief letter to help you through the first few weeks. We will provide further curriculum information shortly. Please be patient with us as we get used to the new routines and changes this year.

## Staffing

In the Year 1 class Mrs Pimperton will be teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Thompson will be teaching on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Mills and Mrs Sawyer are classroom assistants working in this classroom.

Mrs Brady will teach the mixed Year 1 and 2 class Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays with Mrs Pimperton teaching on Wednesdays. Mrs Coulton is the classroom assistant.

Miss Kemp will be teaching the Year 2 class with Mrs Sargent as classroom assistant and Miss Wrenne is also working in this classroom.

**P.E** - The children in all 3 classes will be doing **PE** on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays** this year. Children will need to come to school in their school PE kits on these days. As the weather gets colder warm kit will be needed as we will be outside as much as possible. If your child wears earrings please ensure they have some plasters / tape in their book bags to cover their earrings. If you are unsure which house colour your child should be wearing then please ask.

**Fruit** - Children may bring a piece of fruit to eat at morning playtime please ensure it is labelled with their name. Each class has a basket that we put all the fruit in and take outside for easy access at playtimes.

**Spellings** - Spelling tests will be on a Friday morning. Practising regularly throughout the week will help your child achieve the best results and enable them to apply their spellings into their writing. You will shortly find your child's spellings for the whole half term in the back of their reading records. When we have tested the children we highlight in the list the spellings that the children spelt incorrectly to allow you to see their results.

**Reading** - We are currently upgrading our home reading book systems and will continue to change reading books on set days. Please write in your child's reading record when you have heard them read at home. Reading at home every day really can make a difference!

In Mrs Pimperton and Mrs Thompson's class book change days will be Tuesdays and Fridays.

In Mrs Brady's class book change days will be Mondays and Fridays and in Miss Kemp's class book change days will be Mondays and Thursdays We will continue to read with children both independently and in guided groups as much as we can every week.

### Curriculum Autumn Term

In *English* most children will be continuing with Read Write Inc. We will also be doing writing based around our topic of food and where our foods come from.

The focus of our *Science* work in the first half term will be Seasonal Changes (Autumn) and some work on Animals including Humans.

In *Geography* we will be finding out about where our food comes from and the journey of foods.

In *History* we will be finding out what it takes to be a great explorer.

In *R.E.* we will be completing the unit 'Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?' We will also be spending time looking at Harvest and before Christmas we will be looking at the Understanding Christianity unit Incarnation.

In *ICT* we will be gaining basic computer skills, using a paint program and creating a card digitally.

Our *PSHE* is based around the themes of Rights and Responsibilities, Emotions and Relationships.

In *Design and Technology* we will be finding out about a varied diet and creating some healthy foods to try. (Please let us know of any food allergies we should be aware of)

In *Art* we will be practising a range of art skills using different media and learning about the artists Guiseppe Arcimboldo and Carl Warner who both incorporated foods into their art work.



 In *P.E.* we will be developing our Multiskills with Mr Slaney (our Sports Coach) and also completing some dance and games sessions.

**Homework** for this term will be sent out and explained on a separate letter shortly.

If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to come and ask.

A member of the Key Stage One teaching staff will be available on the playground every morning and will pass on messages to other class teachers for you and we do still check the Key Stage One email address regularly if you wish to contact us this way

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Thank you

Mrs Brady (Key Stage One Co-ordinator) and the Key Stage One Team