



Where children come first

Key Stage 1 Autumn Newsletter

Wednesday 10th September 2025

Dear Y1/2 families,

Welcome back to the autumn term! We hope you have had a well-rested summer and are ready for the new term ahead. We are really looking forward to a wonderful new year of learning with you and what better way to start than with our first big question “Who would live in a habitat like this...?”

Autumn Term

Autumn term will take us ‘Into the Woods’ for our science based topic, learning about trees, plants and homes of insects and animals. As well as having a teddy bears picnic, the children will build the Little Pig’s houses to support their reading and writing and we hope you can join us for a story sharing experience.

After half term, our focus will switch to history and we will explore a trip back in time with our topic ‘Toys in the Attic,’ learning about different toys and how these have changed over time. If you have any old toys which you would be happy for us to share, please let a member of the team know.

Class texts

We will be looking at the following texts this half term to support our learning:



Supporting your child at home

As you know, we don’t set formal homework each week but we do ask that you support us with some learning at home. We feel that it is important that the children get into good habits with home learning so please can you support them to make further progress.

Regular Reading

Reading is the cornerstone of the children’s learning and we have seen some incredible progress so far! Please can you support them with our reading challenge so we can keep up this momentum. Please record each time your child reads in the record and return it to school every day.

Please note that to protect our children the school gates are locked between the hours of 8.30am and 9.05am and 2.45pm and 3.30pm. If you are travelling to school by car during these times, please be aware that you could be locked in the school car park. Please find alternative parking outside the school gates, if required.



Regular Maths

It is important that the children get some extra practice, beyond the school day, to learn and embed key facts. Their Numbots log ins will be shared in their Reading Records and we hope you can support them with this at home. We will be celebrating the top performers in assembly each week.

Learning Spellings

Children will bring home regular Little Wandle home learning sheets to complement their phonics learning in school.

PE days

Your child will be taking part in PE twice a week, please send your child in their PE kit on their allocated days. Full PE kit details can be found on the school website. Please see below for your child's PE days:

1MM	Monday	Wednesday
1TI	Monday	Thursday
2AL	Thursday	Friday
2CH	Monday	Wednesday
2VB	Tuesday	Thursday

Celebration Assemblies

We use our weekly assemblies to praise and celebrate the children's achievements in a variety of ways. Certificates are awarded to children who demonstrate the virtues of the school, do well at NumBots, and we will be holding a class versus class reading competition. It is also nice to celebrate children's achievements outside of school and we encourage children to tell us so we can also share it in assembly.



How can I keep up to date with everything?

Please keep a look out for Marvellous Me notifications where we will continue to celebrate successes and notify you of any further updates.

We're all available for a quick chat in the playground after school should you need to catch us, or you can call or email the office to contact us with any queries you/your child may have.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bootland (Year 1/2 Lead) and the KS1 Team

 Mrs Bootland	 Miss Marley	 Mr Ibbott	 Miss Lakenby	 Mrs Hill	 Mrs Hirst
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