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Key Stage One

Autumn 1 Newsletter

FARNSFIELD ST MICHAEL'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome to Key Stage One!

We have loved having your children back in class this week. Our Year Ones have taken the changes of KS1 in their stride and the Year Twos have been super role models. We are very proud staff!

Please take the time to read this newsletter carefully as it contains lots of important information about what to expect this term.

The teaching staff in our stage are:

Tulips Class – Mrs Okiwe

Clover Class – Mrs Tomlinson (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Mrs Charlesworth (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)

Honeysuckle Class – Mrs Marriott (Monday and Tuesday) and Mrs Taylor (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)

Mrs Jamie, Mrs Kilborn, Miss Hope, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Meanley, Mrs Blount and Mrs Brooks also work across the classes.

PE

The classes have PE on the following days:

Tulips – Monday

Clover – Monday and Thursday

Honeysuckle – Monday and Tuesday



Please ensure that children come into school in their PE kits on these days.

Spelling

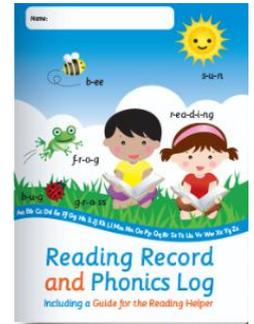


The children will bring home spellings to learn every Monday, starting on Monday 15th September. These will be based on the sounds and patterns that we are learning in that week's Phonics. These spellings will be tested the following Monday. Please help your children to practise the words at home. It doesn't have to be written practice, they can paint, trace in sand or flour, spell aloud, anything to keep sounding out the words!

Reading

We are sending home the children's reading diaries and their Rhino Readers book, matched to the Phonics stage they are working at. These books will be kept for one week and then must be returned to school before your child will be given a new one.

Children will read in groups weekly with a teacher (we will let you know in your child's reading diary which day this will be). It is important that children read their Rhino Readers book throughout the week in order to gain fluency and pace with their reading. Please make sure you sign your child's reading diary and add a comment if there is something significant or important you wish to let the class teacher know. We ask that you try and aim to read with your child at least 3 times a week.



We will regularly review the bands that the children are reading at to ensure they have a book that is matched to their Phonic ability.

Also, your child will take home a 'free choice' book. It is not expected that your child will be able to read this book as they are not matched to children's reading ability. These are books for you to enjoy looking at and sharing with your child. Free choice books will also be kept for one week before returning to school. Again, your child's teacher will notify you which day these books will be issued and when to be returned.

Our learning this term

This term, our big question will be 'What if we learned from our mistakes?' We will look at the parts of our body, our senses and how to keep healthy. We will then explore baking and bread before travel back in time to find out about The Great Fire of London.

As our outcome, we will create quizzes about the fire that the Year 3 and 4 children will have a go at, to see how much they remember about the fire from their time in KS1!

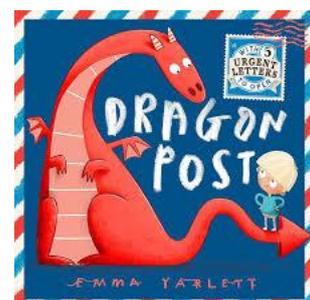
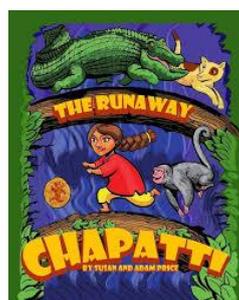
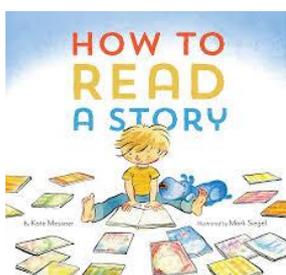
We will also have lots of singing practice preparing for our Christmas Nativity.

In Computing we will be learning about how to log in and keep passwords safe, as well as online safety and coding.

Our RE learning will focus on the themes 'Myself' and 'Creation'. We will learn about Judaism and Christianity through these themes.

In Maths we will look at place value, addition and subtraction and shape.

For English we will be using the texts 'How to Read a Story', 'The Runaway Chapati' and 'Dragon Post' to focus on our reading and writing.



Other important information

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day.

Children will need waterproof coats and a change of outdoor shoes for wet weather. You may wish to provide a spare pair of shoes or wellies to keep on your child's peg.

We have a very limited supply of spare clothing and underwear in school in case of accidents. Please consider popping some spare clothing in your child's bag in case of accidents or wet weather splashing!

Please make sure that all of children's belongings are clearly labelled with their name, so that we can reunite lost items with their owners. Un-named items will end up in lost property.

If there is a change in pick up or drop off arrangements, please ensure you let school know. A gentle reminder that children may only be collected by someone over the age of 16.

A Call Out!

If you have any good quality construction, small world or role play things that still have plenty of life in them but are no longer used at home, we would be really grateful for any donations for our continuous provision!

And finally...

If you ever have any questions or concerns about your child, please get in contact with their class teacher(s). We want children to enjoy coming to school and know that working in partnership with you is key to this. We are looking forward to having a fantastic year with the children, it's going to be great fun!

Best wishes,

The Key Stage One Team

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