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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 welcoming back the children to St Michael's this week. There have been a lot of changes for our Year One children especially, but they have taken it all in their stride and we are very proud of all of them.

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 – Miss Walker (Monday, Tuesday and alternate Wednesdays) and Mrs Charlesworth (Thursdays, Fridays and alternate Wednesdays)

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

PE

The classes have PE on the following days:

Tulips – Monday and Friday

Clover – Tuesday and Thursday

Honeysuckle – Tuesday and Friday



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

Reading

Next week, your child will be sent home with a Rhino Readers reading book, matched to the Phonics stage they are working at. These books will be kept for one week and must be kept in their book bags and brought to school each day.

Children will read in groups weekly with a teacher. It is important that children read their Rhino Readers book throughout the week 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.



Our learning this term

This term, our big question will be 'What if we could travel back in time?' We will look at what Britain was like over the last 150 years, comparing toys, homes and lives over key time periods.

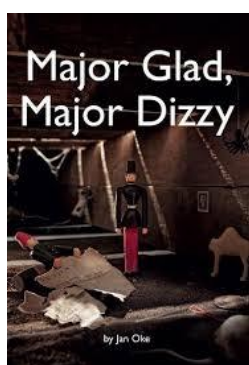
We will also be creating our own toys that will be played with and tested by other children. We will explore rhythms and song through playground chanting rhymes and will of course have lots of singing practice preparing for our Christmas Nativity!

In Computing we will be learning about how to log in and keep passwords safe, as well as following instructions and safely searching the internet.

Our RE learning will focus on The Creation this half term and then we will be looking at the Understanding Christianity unit Incarnation before Christmas.

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

For English we will be using the texts 'Major Glad, Major Dizzy' and 'Lost in the Toy Museum' to focus on our reading and writing.



Throughout the year children will have the opportunity to take part in Foresters, starting from next week. Class teachers will let you know in advance when it is your child's turn.

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.

Key dates

Tuesday 10th November – Parents Evening - 3:30-5:30pm

Thursday 12th November – Parents Evening - 5-7pm

Wednesday 16th December – KS1 Nativity – 2pm and 5pm

Thursday 17th December – KS1 Christmas party

More information about Parents Evening and Christmas events will be sent out in due course.

A Call Out!

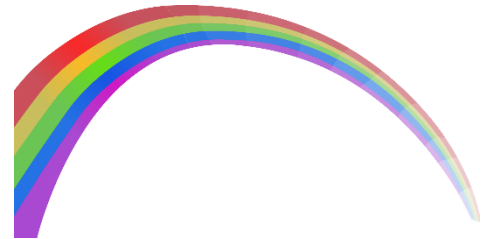
If you have any good quality construction, small world (dolls house, Playmobil, small animals, dinosaurs...) or role play things that still have plenty of life in them but are no longer used at home, we would be really grateful for any donations for our continuous provision!

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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