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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 (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Mrs Charlesworth (Thursday and Friday)

**Clover Class** – Miss Collett

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

Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Kilborn, Miss Hope and Mrs Brooks also work across the classes.

### PE

The classes have PE on the following days:

**Tulips** – Thursday and Friday

**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. These will be based on the sounds and patterns that we are learning in Phonics. These spellings will be tested the following Monday.

## Reading

We are sending home the children's reading diaries and a 'free choice' reading book today.

Over the coming weeks the children will also bring home a 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.



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.

There will be an open evening for you to find out more about Phonics and reading at school, please see the 'key dates' section later in this newsletter.

## 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.

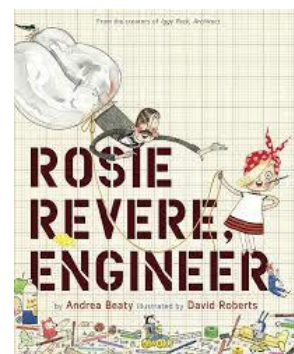
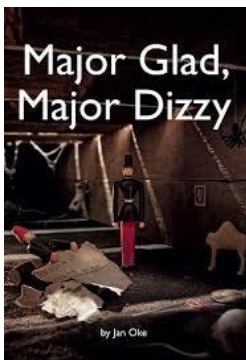
We will also be creating our own toys that will be played with and tested by other children. We will explore rhythms and song through playground chanting rhymes and will of course have lots of singing practice preparing for our Christmas Nativity!

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 Belonging 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', 'Lost in the Toy Museum' and 'Rosie Revere Engineer' 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 may 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

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Foundation and Key Stage One Parent information evening for reading – 5pm

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening - 3:30-5:30pm

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening - 5-7pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity – 2pm and 5pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas party

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

## 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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