



## S1 Autumn 2017 Newsletter

Mrs P. Rutter & Mrs K. Turley

Welcome to S1!

We hope you had a lovely summer break. We are sure that the children are looking forward to the new challenges ahead and with a sense of determination, they will achieve their full potential and also enjoy their time this year.

### Equipment requirements

The children will be responsible for bringing the correct equipment/uniform for the following activities:

**Games** – Winter sports kit to include white rugby shirt, navy netball skirts/skorts /red cycle shorts (girls) or navy shorts (boys), long red socks and black outdoor astro trainers (boys will need football studs also). In colder weather school track-suits will be necessary.

**Dance** – Jazz shoes.

**P.E.** – White T-shirt, white shorts, white socks, white trainers and tracksuit. **Swimming** – School costume, towel, goggles & cap. (To be brought to school on Monday)

Jazz shoes are to be kept in school for use when necessary.

Details of when these activities occur will be on your class timetable.

Please remember swimming kit on games days in case weather is too wet for outdoor games and **all uniform/kit must be clearly labelled. We will be having a 'Kit Check' on 18<sup>th</sup> September!**

### Homework Expectations

Your child will copy down daily homework in their planner and it will be their responsibility to complete it on time. It will generally consist of the following:

**Daily Reading with discussion (10 minutes)** - Please indicate any comments in their reading record with positive feedback for the child.

**Maths** – (20 minutes) Reinforcement of the day's work or a mini task (includes times tables to learn).

**English** - (20 minutes) Reinforcement of the day's work or a mini task (includes daily spellings). Any other subject material relevant to the week's learning.

**Please check their homework diaries and sign on completion.**

A weekly tables and spelling test will be given on a Friday.

Kind Regards

Mrs P. Rutter & Mrs Turley

### Curriculum Matters

**English** – This term we will be learning skills in comprehension, grammar and creative writing. The focus will be on punctuation, spelling and building more complex sentences. We will be studying fairy tales, poetry and factual writing. All children will be expected to use a joined up cursive script which will be taught each week. The children will have a set of spellings to learn and will be tested at the end of the week.

**Mathematics** – We will build on skills learnt in J3 introducing new concepts as well as learning a variety of strategies to solve problems. The children will be taught calculations, money, time, measures, shape & space, fractions, and graphs. The children will also be learning their tables and will be tested weekly.

**Science** – “Nutrition and the body.” Reinforce and develop their knowledge of personal health and diet. We will also be looking at parts of the body, skeletons and muscles.

**History** – “Exploring Ancient Egypt.” An introduction to Ancient Egypt, comparison of life in Ancient Egypt with Britain, everyday life and a look at historical objects

### Diary Dates

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Parents' Meet and greet in classrooms at 9am

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September School Individual Photos – Winter uniform

Friday 29<sup>h</sup> September -Harvest Festival – 9am  
St John's Church

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Festival of Speech – Individual

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Festival of Drama (9am)

Festival of Speech - Form Poem (1.30pm onwards)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Maths Week

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November FOMC Bonfire Night

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – S1 Coffee Morning

### Healthy Snacks

May we please remind children and parents that break time snacks should consist of fruit, veg, plain biscuits. There are children in the school and needed in S1 who have allergies so please bear this in mind when sending in food for any occasion.

### End of the day

Please ensure you collect your child promptly at the end of the school day. Any child not collected by 3.45pm (unless attending a club) will be sent to After School Club. On Friday, after Assembly, S1 will be dismissed in the Jubilee Garden.