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Years 1 and 2 Autumn term Newsletter

FARNSFIELD ST MICHAEL'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back!

We hope that you had an amazing summer break. Here in Key Stage One, we are so excited to welcome you back to school and start our Year 1 and 2 adventures. There are lots of things happening this year... keep reading to find out what we'll be learning and how you can help, as well as essential information about our timetables and expectations.

We are Tulips (Y1 with Mrs Okiwe and Mrs Charlesworth), Clover (Y1 and 2 with Mr Tippett) and Honeysuckle (Y2 with Miss Wilson and Mrs Pearce).

House Keeping

Children will receive their reading record and spelling book in an A5 protective, plastic wallet. When they receive their Rhino reading book, these books are also to go in there to keep them safe from spillages and tears, please!

Reading

Children have chosen a free choice book and will be given a levelled Rhino Reader book next week. They will be participate in a pre-read in a guided reading lesson with the teacher and have the book for one week. Please read the book at least three times to ensure children are comfortable and confident with the text.

Spellings

Spelling books to be in school every Monday please. This Monday (11th September), children will be given their first set of spellings to learn for the following Monday's test. The spellings follow the letter patterns and rules from the Year 1 and 2 National Curriculum. You can help out by testing them and asking them spell aloud or write their spellings in fun ways like in a funny voice or with different coloured pens/magnetic letters.



PE

On PE days, children can come to school in their kit. Please ensure children have outdoor kit (trainers, trousers/shorts and jumper) for the first half term.

Tulips – Monday and Friday
Clover – Tuesday and Thursday
Honeysuckle – Wednesday and Thursday



Discover

This term, our new focus is a history based topic... Discover - What if we learned from our mistakes?

We will learn about the events of the Great Fire of London and the impact this had on our country and the changes that were made as a result of this.



We'll immerse ourselves in the features of the time period, learn about significant individuals from the time and develop our chronological understanding.

The Partake theatre group will be paying us a visit and help us to understand this significant historical event through collaborative and creative activities. Then we'll create artwork inspired by the Great Fire using a variety of media, textures and colour to express emotion.

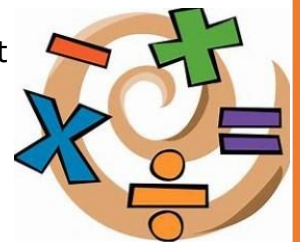
English

In English, we'll be very busy focusing on basic sentence structure and spelling. We will learn about the features of instructions and letters through some fabulous texts including Winnie the Witch, How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth and Can I be your Dog?

Maths

In Maths, Year 1 and 2 will be focusing on number and place value. We will be counting, ordering and comparing numbers. We will be getting under the skin of numbers thinking carefully about their composition and relationship to each other.

Later in the term we will focus on addition and subtraction. We'll learn efficient strategies for solving these calculations and work on fluency and accuracy. Then, it's shape! 2D and 3D shapes and the language of their features.



Other Subjects

Our PE will be ball skills and games. We will work upon throwing towards a target, agility and core skills and how to find and use space effectively. RE will be learning about the stories of creation and the maker.

In Science, we will learn about materials and their properties as well as seasonal change. D and T will be food, glorious food! We will think carefully about where our food comes from, maintaining a healthy diet and we'll be making sandwiches to share with some of you at our KS1 tea-party!

Computing will be the basics of computers, logging on, saving and finding work in folders and in RE we'll be learning about the Gospel and Incarnation as well as thinking about belonging.

'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

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Exciting Events

- ◆ Tuesday 12th September- Individual School Photos
- ◆ Wednesday 20th September- Foundation and Key Stage One Parent Reading Meeting
- ◆ Wednesday 4th October- Harvest Breakfast 8am
- ◆ Tuesday 17th October- Partake Theatre Visit- Great Fire of London
- ◆ Tuesday 14th November- Parents Evening 5pm-7pm
- ◆ Thursday 16th November- Parents Evening 3.30pm- 5.30pm
- ◆ Friday 8th December- Christmas PSA Fayre 3.30- 5.30pm
- ◆ Wednesday 13th December- KS1 Nativity 2pm and 6pm
- ◆ Thursday 14th December- KS1 Xmas Party

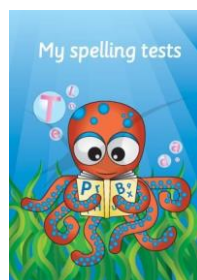


General Reminders:

Please be reminded that your child's school PE kit should consist of:

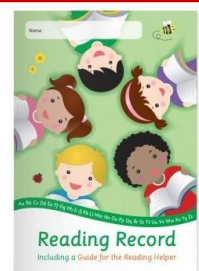
- plain white t-shirt/polo-shirt (a change of polo-shirt from their uniform);
- plain black shorts or plain black PE skirt;
- plain black jogging trousers;
- plain black sweatshirt;
- trainers or plimsolls.

Please ensure you name **every** piece of your child/ren's school uniform and PE kit - including socks!



Please remind your child/ren to have their Spelling Books in school for their spelling test day on Monday.

Please remind your child/ren to have their Reading Record in school every day and remember it should be signed a minimum of three times per week.



Please only send your child/ren to school with water in their water bottle, **not** squash, juice or anything fizzy.

Thank you!