



Parrot's Newsletter



Autumn 1 2021

Welcome to Year 1

Meet the staff!



Mrs Chloe Curtis

Deputy Head Teacher
Class teacher Mon-Weds



Mrs Tracey Dixon

Deputy Head Teacher
Class teacher Weds-Fri



Mrs P. Walker

Teaching Assistant
Tues-Friday (am)



Mrs D. Dorman

Teaching Assistant
(Across KS1)



Miss R. Ainley

Student Teacher
Mon-Thurs

Welcome back to school! We hope you have all had a relaxing summer! We are very excited for you to see the classroom where we will be busy learning and having lots of fun! We have made lots of changes to the layout of both the classroom and the outdoor area that we are sure you are going to love.



During the morning, your child will have the opportunity to take part in taught Phonics, English and Maths sessions. They will also access exciting play-based learning experiences through continuous provision. In the afternoons, your child will access the foundation subject activities (history/geography, art, music, PE) as well as Science, PHSE, and R.E. Children will also have plenty of outdoor learning opportunities in our newly developed outdoor area, the garden area and on the playground. We are very excited to have had a new stage/sandpit, Literacy and Numeracy sheds and a Mud Kitchen to add to our outdoor space!



We have planned many exciting topics for your child to engage with this year. Please look out for our weekly ECaT letter to find out what activities you could do at home to support your child's learning as well as the Makaton actions and songs we will be learning in school.

We are hoping to hold a short (outdoor on our new stage!) performance at the end of this term, to show parents the new Makaton songs and actions we have been learning. We will send out further details, later in the term.

Please see the medium term planning web on the Parrot class page for further information and remember to check in with Tapestry to see some of the exciting activities your child has been enjoying.

Learning Outdoors and PE

As part of our curriculum we will continue to be learning outdoors in the Garden Area and other outdoor learning spaces. Please can you ensure your child brings a waterproof coat and sensible shoes to school every day. Please bring named wellies and a puddle suits to leave in school. **Please make sure your child's wellies/puddlesuit are clearly named.** If you want your child's puddlesuit/wellies for home use at the weekend, please just ask a member of staff and we will ensure these come home with your child on a Friday.

Please also ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day. Please try to only send your child with water on their bottle.

Our school PE day is on Tuesdays. Please send your child to school every Tuesday wearing their PE Kit. If your child is attending any after school sports clubs, you may also send your child into school wearing their PE kit on these days too. Thanks

Reading We are currently completing phonics assessments on all of the children in the Parrot's Class. As soon as these are completed we will be sending your child home with a reading pack/book and a reading record. Please ensure that your child has their reading book and record in school every day. Children read at different times throughout the week, individually and as part of a group. We have a named basket in the library area that your child can put their pack/book in when it needs changing. We will help teach them to do this as they now come into school independently. You will also be able to access the electronic Bug Club books using Active Learn.

In your child's reading record you can make notes of the reading you have done with your child at home, alternatively, if you prefer, you can just jot down the pages you have heard your child read. Your child will be heard read by a teacher at least once a week and also by our TA's and student teacher Miss Ainley.

You will also find other important information in your child's reading record, such as the common exception words they will be learning in Phonics, the reading challenge for the Autumn term and also your child's individual passwords for Active Learn, and Purple Mash.

Cooking Opportunities

Every term your child will have the opportunity to develop the skills needed to complete basic food preparation and learn how to use a range of different equipment to prepare and cook simple recipes. We would be very grateful if you would make a contribution towards the costs of the ingredients. We are suggesting £3 per child to cover all of the 6 cooking tasks. If you are happy to make this contribution, please send the money in an envelope marked 'cooking' into school. Please be assured that all children will get the opportunity to complete these activities. This term we are planning to make rainbow fruit skewers!



Diary Dates

Wednesday 1st September - INSET Day

Thursday 2nd September- Back to school for the start of the academic year.

Thursday 21st October - Planned Makaton singing performance for FS2/Y1 children (time to be confirmed)

Break up for October Holiday week

Friday 23rd October- INSET Day

Monday 1st November - Back to school - Start of Autumn Term Two.



If you have any concerns about your child, no matter how small, please feel free to ring or text into school and either Mrs Dixon or Mrs Curtis will get back to you as soon as possible. Happy children make successful learners!