



KS1 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Week Ending : 8th September 2017

Welcome back Key Stage 1

Hello and welcome back to a new year at school. We hope you have all had a lovely rest and you have enjoyed the Summer sunshine. We are so pleased to see the children come back to School with happy smiles and looking so smart for the new school year. A new school year is a time of change for everyone, including the teachers, but we can't wait to get to know the children and their families. Please feel free to come and chat to the teaching staff after school if you have any questions, worries or any information you need to pass on to us.

This Term in Year 1

For the next few weeks, our focus in Year 1 will be about settling in, building friendships and becoming familiar with our new class and routines. Our topic focus will be 'Good to be me'. We will share the things that make us special, talk about our families and homes and think about how we have grown and changed. We then look forward to beginning our 'Castles' topic just before half term.

This Term in Year 2

This term in Year 2, we will be learning about 'Castles'. We will find out about how castles were made and what they were used for. We look forward to researching about and visiting 'Tattershall Castle'. In our Design and Technology work we will practise different joining techniques and use these to create our own model castles and shields.



PE Days

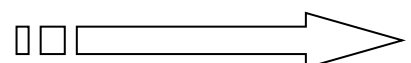
We politely ask that you send a clean PE kit into School on a Monday morning so we have this ready for the whole week. The class teachers will then send kit home again on Fridays. PE days are subject to change but this term are as follows:

YEAR 1		YEAR 2	
Wednesday	Indoor PE (Dance)	Wednesday	Indoor PE (Gymnastics)
Friday	Outdoor PE (Ball Skills)	Thursday	Outdoor PE (Ball Skills/Games)



If your child has pierced ears then you may wish to remove these on PE days. Please remember it is School policy for studs to be worn, and not 'hooped/ looped' earrings.

More information overleaf



Reading Books

Your child should now have received 2 home reading books. Each teacher will be collecting the children's reading books in on Monday and we aim for new books to be sent home the same day. If you have any questions about reading books or feel that you would like additional books then please speak to your child's class teacher.

Phonics and Spelling



Each day your child takes part in a 30 minute 'Phonics' session. During phonics your child learns the letters and the sounds that are the building blocks for words. Every Monday your child should receive phonics/spelling homework to complete during the week. Generally, in Year 1 Phonics homework will consist of key words to learn at home and in Year 2 spelling words to learn for that week. When appropriate, we will supplement keywords and spellings with a game to play or a task to complete at home.

Phonics homework will begin as of Monday 18th September

If you have any questions or queries regarding phonics then please speak to your child's class teacher.

School Trip

As part of our Castles topic, we plan to visit Tattershall Castle. During the visit, we will take part in 3 exciting workshops, which will be lead by the Castle Staff. The Year 2 visit will take place on Wednesday 4th October. The Year 1 visit will take place on Thursday 12th October. Further details of the trip will be sent out in a separate letter which you will be receiving shortly.

Harvest Festival

As part of our RE work this term we will be taking part in a 'Harvest Festival Service' at St Wilfrid's Church in Alford. More information about this will be provided soon.



Newsletters

It is our wish to move to a paperless communication system as soon as possible. During this transition time, we will continue to send home a KS1 newsletter each fortnight. We aim for Parent Hub to replace this and would like all parents to be signed up for 'Parent Hub' and our email system. We will soon be running 'Parent Hub' afternoons during which we will support you in signing up to Parent Hub if you haven't already done so.

We've fully enjoyed our first week back at School and we wish you all a lovely relaxing weekend.

*Many thanks
The Key Stage 1 Team*