



KS1 Newsletter: Term 3 Jan-Feb 2025

Sycamore



Magnolia



Hawthorn



Hazel



Holly



Welcome back

A very Happy New Year to you all, we hope you had a wonderfully festive Christmas holiday. We are excited to start Term 3 and begin our fantastic new topic!

We are pleased to welcome Miss Porter, who will be teaching in Hazel Class, and Mrs Smith, who will be based in Holly Class, to the Key Stage One team.

New Topic - Pole to Pole

This term we will become polar explorers and 'travel' the globe to investigate the conditions, animals and habitats at both the North and South Poles. We will also be using our Geography skills to locate the world's continents and oceans then comparing where we live to contrasting areas across the globe. In the last week of term, we will be asking the children to come in dressed as explorers. This could be an arctic explorer but also could be someone exploring the rainforest, the desert or the woodlands. This is going to be linked to our classroom learning on that day as a way to celebrate our learning across the term.

Reading

We aim for all children to be read with by a Teacher or TA each week either individually or in a group. We also have 10 minutes daily where children read their decodable book in their book bag independently or with a partner. Therefore, **named book bags must be in school every day** to allow for reading opportunities to happen whenever possible. Please continue to write in your child's reading record **every time they read with you at home** and remember we actively encourage re-reading books and suggest that books should be read at least 3 times as this is proven to help reading development. Children will change books when they are reading the text with fluency and prosody which means sometimes children will keep a given book for increased periods.

Homework

Please see the homework agreement on the website with details of our homework which has now been revised and updated. This now includes a suggested menu of weekly ideas for either an English or maths focussed task of your choice.

This document continues to have some suggested optional learning tasks that you and your child may wish to complete during the course of Term 3 which are around our Pole to Pole theme. Remember, these tasks are suggested ideas and we also welcome additional learning projects that children are inspired by. We do ask that projects and models do not come into school but would welcome photos, videos shared via Evidence

Year 1 homework this term will continue with word bags with Common Exception Words (CEW) to work on reading and spelling correctly. In Year 1 and 2 we will also be introducing weekly CEW spellings, with some suggestions of strategies to practise spelling these words from memory.

Weather

Please continue to ensure that children come to school with a suitable coat and when possible hat, gloves and scarf. (All named please)

Outdoor Learning and Wellies

Following information in the last whole school newsletter, each class will be visiting our outdoor learning space for Term 3. Please ensure your child has a pair of named wellies and waterproofs with them on their day and they come to school in their outdoor clothes with their school uniform ready to change into afterwards. Please note, wellies will need to be taken home that day and returned to school weekly, not stored at school for the term. Wellies not claimed will go to lost property.

Tuesdays: Hazel Class

Wednesdays: Holly Class

Thursdays: Magnolia & Sycamore Classes

Fridays: Hawthorn Class

PE Days

Magnolia & Sycamore - Fridays

Hazel & Hawthorn - Wednesdays

Dates for your diary

Term Starts: Tuesday 7th January 2025

Open door Fridays - every two weeks starting in week 2 on Friday 17th January

Week 2 - Monday 20th January - 2:30 - 3:10pm KS1 meeting for parent/carers in hall followed by stay and maths in classrooms

Week 5 - Monday 3rd February - Hawthorn Class Assembly - parents/carers welcome 2.30pm.

Week 5 - Monday 3rd February - Stay and Read 3 - 3.15pm.

Week 6 - Monday 10th February - Magnolia Class Assembly - parents/carers welcome 2.30pm.

Week 6 - Wednesday 12th February Explorer Day - dressing up

Term Ends: Friday 14th February 2025

Term 4 starts: Tuesday 25th February

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Butcher, Mrs Tanner, Miss Porter, Mrs Coles, Miss Light and Mrs Smith