



KS1 Newsletter: Term 1 Sept- Oct 2024

Hawthorn



Hazel



Sycamore



Magnolia



Welcome back.

We hope you have all enjoyed the holidays and feel refreshed and ready for a new term!

There have been some changes to our team from the last school year. We sadly had to say goodbye to Mrs Smart and this year instead of having 5 classes in Key Stage 1, we have 4 made up of two Year 1 classes and two Year 2 classes only. There have also been some movements of teachers for this academic year.

Our classes/staff are as follows:

Year 1:

Hazel Class: Mrs Kendrew and Miss Light

Hawthorn Class: Mr Cozens and Mrs Coles

Magnolia Class: Mrs Tanner

Sycamore Class: Mrs Butcher and Mrs Jordan

Note: Magnolia will also be supported by Mrs Butcher and Mrs Jordan.

Term 1 Theme - Across the Drawbridge!

Our initial theme for term 1 will be welcoming the children back and establishing new classroom routines and expectations. This will then lead into a really exciting topic called 'Across The Drawbridge'.

As part of the topic we will explore life in a castle in medieval times, including the different parts of a castle.



Then we will be designing our own pictures with moving parts as well as making and evaluating food for a banquet as part of DT work and also using our scientific knowledge as we explore everyday materials. We will also be carrying out assessments as we make a start to the academic year.

Just a reminder at the beginning of each term the KS1 pages on our school website are always updated with key learning information.

Homework

Please see the homework agreement on the website for suggested learning tasks that you and your child may wish to complete during the course of Term 1.

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 Me. We will gradually introduce other homework tasks and will update you when we do.

Reading

Reading is hugely important to us and at Paulton Infant School we aim for all children to be read with by a Teacher or TA each week with the hope that this is more frequent where possible. Therefore, we ask that **named book bags are 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 rereading books and suggest that books should be read at least 3 times as this is proven to help reading development.

P.E.Kits

PE sessions will resume from the first full week of school with each class having set PE sessions.

This year we are asking that children **come to school dressed for PE on their days**. Please note PE sessions may take place inside or outside so please ensure that children have suitable footwear and clothing for outside games.

Class teachers will notify you of the specific PE days for each class via text message shortly if they have not already done so.

Forest School and Wellies

Each class usually has two terms of Forest School per school year. For term 1, **Magnolia** and **Sycamore Class** will have forest school sessions. Unfortunately, they may not occur weekly as previously, but class teachers will inform you when sessions are taking place. Please ensure your child has a pair of named wellies with them on their day and they come to school in their own clothes with their school uniform ready to change into.

Dates for your Diary!

Mon 2nd Sep and Tues 3rd Sep- **INSET Days**

Wed 4th Sep- **Term 1 begins for children**

W/C 9th Sep- **Clubs to begin- more info to follow**

Fri 13th Sep- **Open door Friday (Runs fortnightly)**

Mon 16th Sep- **Enterprise Week begins**

Fri 27th Sep- **Individual Photographs**

Tue 8th Oct- **Harvest Assembly- donations for the Paulton Larder, more details nearer the time**

Tues 15th Oct and Thurs 17th Oct - **Parents Evening- information on how to book to follow later this term**

Fri 25th Oct- **Last Day of Term 1**

Mon 4th Nov- **Term 2 Starts**

Thank you for your continued support,
Mr Cozens, Mrs Butcher, Mrs Kendrew, Mrs Coles, Mrs Tanner, Miss Light and Mrs Jordan ☺