



Happy New Year to your all. I hope you enjoyed the Christmas break and are looking forward to the year ahead. It has been lovely to greet all the children back into class this week. They have shown a great enthusiasm to get back into their learning which has been a joy to see.

This half term we have lots of exciting topics of learning planned as we work to build upon the skills and knowledge they have already built up.

School Uniform

- Lemon yellow polo shirt
- Jade green jumper or cardigan (with or without the school logo)
- Grey trousers, skirt, shorts or pinafore
- Black shoes or trainers
- Yellow summer dress

PE Kit

- White t shirt
- Black or navy leggings, shorts, jogging bottoms (no branded logos)
- Trainers
- Black or navy hoody for outdoor PE (school jumper to be worn during the day)

Dates for Your Diary

January

Monday 5th – school closed for Training Day

Tuesday 6th – school opens

Wednesday 21st @9am – Come and See: Maths for Reception and Key Stage 1

Tuesday 27th @9am – Come and See: Maths for Key Stage 2

Wednesday 28th @9am – Year 4 Amber Class Worship

February

Wednesday 28th @9am – Year 3 Sapphire Class Worship

Monday 9th – Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 10th – Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 11th – Coffee Morning for parents/carers with Ms Crisp

Friday 13th – school closes for half term

Monday 23rd – school opens

Attendance and Punctuality

Children should be ready to start school at 8:55am – class teachers are on the playgrounds from 8:50am so that they can meet the children and be ready in the classrooms for 8:55am.

Children are marked as late if they arrive between 9am and 9:15am. Children arriving after 9:15am receive a 'late after registers have closed' mark which is classed as an unauthorised absence.

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please contact us to let us know why.

When attendance drops below 90% it is classed as persistent absence.



Curriculum Information

English: This half term our English will be focussed on the book 'The Bear and the Piano'. Children will be developing their writing skills through learning to create a range of different sentence types. They will also look to expand their sentences through using a range of conjunctions and incorporating noun phrases to enhance descriptions.

Maths: In Maths children will be completing their addition and subtraction maths topic from the autumn term before moving onto multiplication and division and exploring the value of coins and banknotes in our money unit.

RE: We will be exploring Islam throughout the spring term. Children will learn about what it means to be a Muslim and explore how Muslims live. They will learn stories about the Prophet and about the Five Pillars of Islam.

Science: In Science they will learn how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. They will plant and grow a selection of seeds and bulbs and monitor their growth each week. They will investigate whether all seeds need water and light to grow.

PSHE: Our PSHE topic relates to keeping safe. Children will learn about medicines and about how to keep themselves safe in a variety of different situations. They will learn about people that can help keep them safe and about recognising unsafe secrets.

History: Our history topic is based on what school was like in the past. The children will be exploring how school life has changed in recent history.

Design Technology: Children will be designing and creating their own fairground Ferris wheel.

Computing: Children will be learning word processing skills in computing lessons this term and will aim to publish some of their English writing in this format.

Music: We are focussing on singing. Children will learn English folk songs and explore changing dynamics and pitch.

PE: We will be doing a Fitness and Sending and Receiving Unit in PE building on developing our ball skills.



Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven, Matthew 5:16
Aspiration – Courage – **Kindness** – Forgiveness – Respect – Community

How you can help at home with English:

- Read with your child.
- Read a bedtime story to your child every day.
- Practise writing with your child, ensuring they are forming each letter accurately.
- Watch CBeebies TV programme **Alphablocks**
- Practise spellings

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- Practise counting forwards and backwards to 100.
- Play games to practise number bonds up to 20, particularly focus on number bonds to 10 and to 20.
- Download the **Whitrose 1 minute maths** app.