



Autumn Term 2018 Information

Seahorses, Starfish and Whales Classes

Welcome back! The Key Stage One team has seen some changes this term. We are really excited about our new classes and are looking forward to working with your children and having a happy and successful year. We start off with an exciting topic which we hope will motivate all the children called 'Chocolate'!

Staff and Classes

The classes consist of Mrs Ayling (formally Miss Cleal) with Year 2 children in Whales, Miss Bruce with Years 1/2 children in Starfish and Miss Brown with Year 1 children in Seahorses. We are supported by Mrs Page, Mrs Olivier, Miss Ekins and Mrs Royall.

The School Day ~ Timings

Doors open at 8.40am, where children enter their classrooms and begin their morning work, which supports their learning. If your child arrives after 8.45 am, they should enter the school by the main entrance and make the office staff aware.

At 3.10pm, the children will be dismissed onto the playground where parents/carers may wait for their child. If there are different arrangements for your child's collection, please inform the class teacher through a note. Lunch times are 12.15pm until 1.15pm and morning break is 10.30am – 10.45am.

Curriculum

We will be studying a range of topics as detailed below.

LITERACY	NUMERACY	TOPIC	SEAL/PSHCE	Computing
Story writing	Number and place value	Properties of everyday materials	Myself relationships and	Year 1 – Treasure Hunters
Character Description	Length and mass/weight	Chocolate – Where does chocolate come from?	Beginning and belonging	Year 2 – We are astronauts
Information Texts	Addition and subtraction		Rights, Rules and Responsibilities	
	2D and 3D shapes			
MUSIC	RE	ART	PE	DT
Year 1 – Ocarinas Year 2 – Recorders	Harvest Christmas	Painting skills	Dance Fundamental skills	Designing a chocolate room

Reading

The children will bring home an individual reading book, which is set at an appropriate level to allow them to practise and develop their confidence in their reading skills. We are trying to develop their independence and encourage the children to change this book whenever they need to. Your child will also participate in a weekly guided reading session, where they will share a book in a small group with an adult, and have the opportunity to look closely at the different features of the text and to practise the next steps they need to develop their reading. These guided reading books will not be sent home.

Home learning

All children will have age related key words to practise spelling. These key words will be broken down over the term/year and a variety of ways to practise/learn these will be sent home with a weekly check. In addition Year 2 numeracy homework will be set relating to work that is being covered in class. Should you have any questions about your child's home learning please pop in and see us and we will be happy to explain it to you. Methods do change over time – particularly in maths, so don't be shy!

One book with all home learning in will be sent home with Year 2 children on a Wednesday and should be returned by the following Monday.

P.P.A (Planning, Preparation and Assessment)

This time will be covered by Mrs Edwards and Mrs Page who will be teaching Music and Religious Education.

Uniform and P.E Kits

The children have begun the school year looking very smart in their new school uniforms – thank you to all parents. This contributes to a positive learning environment and we hope that this will continue. To further help with this, please could you make sure **all** uniform and P.E kits are clearly named, this really does help us save time. P.E kits need to remain in school Monday to Friday as sessions may change due to hall availability, unforeseen circumstances and the weather. As the weather turns cooler please ensure your child has suitable clothing for outdoor and indoor sessions. Please remember that, following County guidance, children are **not** permitted to wear earrings in a PE lesson and staff are not permitted to remove or tape earrings up. Please ensure your child does not wear earrings on a PE day.

Please make sure your child has a coat with them everyday as we do go outside when it rains!

Encouraging and rewarding positive behaviour

To reward positive behaviour each class collects points towards a class reward time. This is a period of time when the class get to choose an activity. To encourage and teach about collective and individual rights and responsibilities there may be occasions when portions of reward time are removed. This will be discussed with the children and in certain circumstances with parents/carers. Overall we do expect this system to continue to be a popular and constructive experience and we look forward to your continued support. Class reward times take place on average once a term and are selected by the children as an incentive to work together.

Snacks

In KS1 we provide fruit every day but you are welcome to supplement this with additional healthy snacks. It is also important for your child to have a **named bottle of water** available in the classroom, as research shows that it is important for the brain to be hydrated to aid concentration and thinking.

We have tried to anticipate any questions you may have. Should you have any other issues you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. We look forward to working in partnership with you and your child.

Mrs Ayling, Miss Bruce and Miss Brown

