



KEY STAGE 1 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back!

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all enjoyed a lovely summer break and enjoyed an ice cream or two. We are excited to have the children back and cannot wait to get started with the new school year!

The Autumn term is all about setting the right standards with the children, so they know what to expect from us at school and what is expected of them at home as well. We want all our children to be settled and happy and achieve.

Key dates

1 st September	INSET Day
2 nd September	INSET Day
3 rd September	First day back at school.
16 th September	Meet the teacher meeting
16 th October	Last day of Autumn 1
2 nd November	First day of Autumn 2
1 st December	Trip to the Panto
18 th December	Last day of Autumn 2

Please keep an eye on the school weekly newsletter that is posted on Class Dojo to keep up to date with any extra important dates for this term.

Reading and Phonics

Reading is paramount to our children's education and therefore is a big part of our daily learning.

Children have a phonics lesson as well as a class story every day.

We ask that children bring reading books and organisers **EVERYDAY** to school. We ask that, if possible, you read with your child each night with the aim of getting 5 home reads recorded in their diary each week.

For any children who do not appear to be reading at home, we will contact yourselves to see how we can support with this to ensure that it happens as much as possible for the children.

If you have any questions about how to support your child reading at home, then please do get in contact with your child's class teacher.



Curriculum Enquiry

Our knowledge-based curriculum will involve the children studying a history-based enquiry question this term, with our learning for life lessons enhancing this. The children will investigate the question, 'How can the past change the future?'



This history topic will include looking at the significant historical event of The Great Fire of London and the impacts this had on London in 1666. We will be looking at the changes that happened because of the disastrous event and how this has impacted the present day.

Our learning for life enhancer will give the children the opportunity to understand how to stay safe in different situations, including at home and when we are out in our local area. They will learn what to do in an emergency. We will talk about people in our community that help us and who keep us safe. We will also think about how we stay safe online.

At the end of the term, the children will be able to discuss 'How can the past change the future?' by using knowledge gained and sharing this with experts in order to be awarded a fire safety certificate from the Ashfield fire service.

English



Year 1/2

The English topics (which will usually link closely with our curriculum enquiry) are as follows:

- Adventure narrative
- Historical fiction narrative
- Diary entry
- Non-chronological report

Through these genres, we will be focusing on handwriting, expanding our vocabulary, and we will be covering a range of grammar and punctuation skills, such as expanded noun phrases, using a range of suffixes and using conjunctions. These topics will also provide the children with an opportunity to consider this term's enquiry question: 'How can the past change the future?' As well as ensuring all our writing is purposeful and engaging.

Mathematics



Year 1

This term, we will be learning:

- Place value up to 10
- Beginning addition and subtraction to 10.

Year 2

This term, we will be learning:

- Place value up to 20
- Beginning addition and subtraction to 10

Science



In Science, the children will be working to develop their understanding of materials. We will be exploring the environment for the different materials used and how they are fit for purpose. We will also be thinking about recycling and how some materials can be made into something new.

Physical Education

During this term, the children will be working on skills needed for team games.

They will be thinking about teamwork, problem solving and how to apply skills they have learnt to real life games.



It is expected your child attend school in their correct PE kit for both of their PE days. As **no jewellery** should be worn during PE, it would be best that if on these days all jewellery is left at home.

Religious Education

Religious education in Autumn will be focusing on how we can care for others. The children will learn about this through looking at and sharing our own experiences, as well as practices of different faiths and world views. The children will learn about a variety of celebrations and the festivals that take place in Christianity, Judaism, Sikhism and Hinduism.

Learning for Life

Our lessons this term will enhance our driver and help us to answer the question 'How can the past change the future?' We will be learning about how to stay safe in an emergency and people who we can trust. We will learn about the different people who work in our community that can help us, as well as the different emergency services.

Music

This term, in music, we will be focusing on singing and performing. We will be learning about key aspects of singing such as pitch and tone. This will all support us in our class performance in Autumn 2.

Forest School

We are fortunate enough to be going to Forest School this term, unfortunately due to the number of children in Key Stage One we are unable to go all together. Therefore, each class will be going on alternate weeks. We will be going on a **Friday afternoon**, the exact dates each year group will go are being clarified over the next week and will be communicated through Class Dojo as soon as possible. Permission slips have been sent home with children at the end of last year, please can you ensure these are handed back to their class teacher by Wednesday 9th September.

Forest School Kit: The children will need to come to school on their day wearing their Forest School clothes and they will return home wearing their Forest School clothes. Your child will be provided with waterproof clothing from school. Please feel free to provide your child with their own waterproof clothing if you wish. We will be attending Forest School whatever the weather! All children must bring in a pair of wellies to stay in school. If you need any more information about what your child should wear, please ask a member of staff. Again, please see the Dojo message regarding when Year 1 / 2 will be attending Forest School.

Home learning

Homework will be given out every Monday and should be returned by the following Monday. Children will receive either a Maths activity or an English activity, which will alternate each week.

In addition, we ask that you support your child with reading throughout their time at Mapplewells. Regular reading at home has a significant impact on children's progress, confidence and enjoyment of learning, so we encourage children to read as often as possible.



Class Dojo

As a school, we continue to utilise Class Dojo as an amazing tool for communicating with home and school and supporting your children's learning. Whilst we aim to reply to messages as soon as we can, this is not always possible. Please be mindful that staff have their families to go home to and spend time with and will not be expected to reply or check messages outside of working hours which are between 8:30am and 4:30pm, Monday-Friday.

If something is particularly important, please contact the school office, as staff may not check our messages until the children have gone home due to teaching commitments. Thank you for your continued support in using Dojo to support our children's learning.