



# Year 1/2 Autumn Newsletter



Welcome back to all of our children, parents and carers. It has been wonderful to get to know the children, and we have had a lovely start to our new school year.

Mrs Bowe and Mrs Poulson will be your teachers this year with Teaching Assistant support from Miss McCoy and Miss Hodgson.

## Important Information:

**Start time:** School doors will open at 8:40 and close at 8:55am.

**Finish time:** 3:10pm

Children must come to school wearing full school uniform. This includes plain black footwear with no logos,

**PE days:** Our PE days will be Tuesday and Wednesday. Please can PE kits remain in school for the duration of the half term as PE days may change.

PE kit should consist of a plain dark green t-shirt, black shorts/joggers, plimsolls and appropriate outdoor footwear.

Children should not be wearing jewellery for PE, please ensure earrings are removed and hair is tied up away from the face.

## Class Dojo and Seesaw:

Please continue to use class dojo regularly to keep up with any messages from school. You can also contact your child's class teacher there to send a private message.



In Year 1/2, we will begin to use 'Seesaw'. This is a great app that allows you to be able to see your child's fantastic learning! Please make sure you sign up to this as we will be posting regular information to help you support your child's learning.

## Our Learning:

This term, our History topic is 'London's Burning'. We will be learning about the Great Fire of London and what life was like in 1666.

We will be reading stories about space and our first class text will be 'Beegu'.

In Science, we will be learning about plants.



## Home Learning:

We are continuing with our whole school reading initiative '**Read for the Stars**'. Please can you continue to read with your child regularly at home. The expectation for KS1 is that the children **read at home 4 times a week**. We are excited to see who will reach the Sun!

The additional phonically decodable book will also be sent home to read, as well as a book of each child's choice to read at home together. This is for reading for pleasure.

**Please write in your child's reading journal when they have read with you and ensure that reading books come into school every day. This year, books will be changed after 3 reads to promote reading fluency.**



Children will receive spellings on a Monday on paper and Class Dojo, these can then be learned over the week and will be tested the Friday of that week. The children will compete against other classes to get the highest average score to be in with the chance to become 'Royal Spelling Bee' for that week!