



Year 1 and 2 Newsletter Autumn Term 2023

Welcome to Miss Beesley, Miss Frances/Mrs Finlayson's and Mrs Woolcock's Year 1/2 classes. We hope you have had a wonderful summer. We are all very excited for the year ahead.

Working within our base we have:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miss Beesley- Year 1/2 Class Teacher Miss Frances – Year 1/2 Class Teacher (Mon-Wed) Mrs Finlayson- Year 1/2 Class Teacher (Thurs-Fri) Mrs Woolcock – Year 1/2 Class Teacher Miss Cunningham – PPA cover Mrs McMahon – PPA cover 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Masters – Teaching Assistant Miss Moore – Teaching Assistant Miss Rimmer – Teaching Assistant Miss Bertomeu- Teaching Assistant Mrs Lynn - Teaching Assistant Mrs Stewart – Teaching Assistant Mrs Blackwell- HLTA
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OUR TOPICS

		Autumn 1 We are superhumans!		
		Autumn 2 Fantastic Firsts		

<i>What are we covering?</i>	<i>Subjects to be included</i>	
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> stories poems – rhyming couplets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> instructions reports
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> number & place value addition & subtraction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> multiplication and division
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> parts of the human body the five senses hygiene 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> materials – suitability of materials for purpose, comparing and sorting materials
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> programming 	
RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who is a Muslim and how do they live? 	
PSHE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What goes into and onto our bodies? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do I look after myself?
TOPIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The life of Edith Cavell and Mary Seacole art skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> maps of journeys compass directions landmark sculptures The life of the Wright Brothers and Amelia Earhart





Homework

Reading

Daily reading with your child is one of the most effective ways you can support them at home. Even children who are stronger with their decoding skills need to read regularly with an adult at home in order to develop their comprehension skills such as discussing the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary. Please sign the reading record each time you support your child. We expect children to read at home with an adult every day for approximately ten minutes. Your child will be read with at least once a week in school.

In Year 1/2, reading will be taught using separate sets of guided reading books, through daily phonics and 1:1 reading where appropriate. Your child will mainly be heard read through our guided reading sessions. It is very helpful to us if your child's reading books and record come into school every day so that they can be used. Each class has their own system in place for checking and changing reading books. On Fridays, children will bring home a 'free choice' book to be shared with an adult to promote a love of reading.

Spellings

In Year 1/2, all children will have a weekly spelling test on a Friday. Your child will receive the spellings they are to be tested on a week before each test. These will not start until later in the Autumn term – more information will be shared with you shortly.

Outdoor and Indoor PE

Your child will have one indoor and one outdoor PE session each week. For indoor PE, children will require a white t-shirt, shorts, plimsolls and a pair of spare socks. For outdoor PE, children will need a t-shirt, long-sleeved jumper/hoodie, jogging bottoms and trainers. Please ensure all items are named including the PE bags themselves. Indoor PE kit will stay in school for the term and be sent home at the end of the term for a wash. On outdoor PE days, your child will come to school in their outdoor kit and remain in that kit for the whole school day.

	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE
Monday		Mrs Woolcock
Tuesday		Miss Beesley Miss Frances/Mrs Finlayson
Wednesday	Miss Frances/Mrs Finlayson Mrs Woolcock	
Thursday	Miss Beesley	
Friday		

Water bottles, coats and bags



Can we kindly request that your child brings a small bag to school with just the essential items they need: a water bottle, packed lunch and reading packet. This ensures we have plenty of space in the classroom to store everything safely. Please make sure your child has a **named** water bottle in school Monday to Friday. These bottles will be sent home with your child each day. As we are approaching autumnal weather, please ensure your child wears appropriate clothing for the weather (including a waterproof coat).

We hope your child has a wonderful term with us. If you have any questions, please come and see us.

Miss Beesley, Mrs Finlayson, Miss Frances and Mrs Woolcock

