




Vallis Parents' Meeting Autumn 2020



The background features a collage of various postage stamps and postmarks. Visible text includes 'PAR AVION', 'METERS', 'POSTAGE', '100.00', 'MADRID', and 'COSTA RICA'. There are also some numbers and symbols like '24', '6', '00', and '11'.

A few of the things you
will need to know...



KS1 Team



- ✦ Mrs Molloy (Phase Leader) & Mrs Baker (Miss Davis, Mrs McDermott, Mrs Williams) - Apollo Class (Y1)
- ✦ Mrs Edwards (Mrs Graves, Mrs Young) - Neptune Class (Y1)
- ✦ Miss Plumridge & Mrs Powrie (Miss Rutt) - Saturn Class (Y2)
- ✦ Mrs Holmes & Mrs Powrie (Mrs McPherson, Mrs Howard) – Jupiter Class (Y1)

KS2 Team



- ✦ Mr Smith (Mrs Banbury, Mrs Smith) - Mars– Year 3/4
- ✦ Mrs Frost and Miss Massey (Miss Clayson, Mrs McGruther, Miss Dredge) - Milky Way– Year 3/4
- ✦ Mr Summers-Phase Leader (Mrs Blagdon, Mrs Williams, Miss Dredge) - Galaxy– Year 3/4

Curriculum



As a team we will be planning with the following in mind:

- ✦ The National Curriculum-Age Related Expectations for each year group
- ✦ The need to regularly review topics based around the class text
- ✦ A cross-curricular approach
- ✦ Checking any gaps in learning that may have occurred during the summer term 2020

A curriculum overview is shared on the school website for parents each term.

Continuous Provision



- ✦ Approach similar to EYFS being used this year in Year 1 to support transition into KS1 particularly after the very unusual start this cohort have had to their schooling
- ✦ Children have the opportunity to make choices in their learning while reinforcing concepts taught in guided group sessions
- ✦ Also an opportunity to develop independence in the children's learning

Assessment and Feedback



- ✦ Children will be described as working at, above (exceeding) or towards the Age Related Expectations for their year group.
- ✦ You will hear these terms during parents' evenings (tbc) and on your child's school report.
- ✦ You will receive a written annual report in July.
- ✦ Teaching staff continually assess children during lessons to see what they need to do next and what they may need more support with.

English



There will be many opportunities during English lessons and across the curriculum for:

- ✦ Drama and performance
- ✦ Developing a love of reading and access to high quality texts
- ✦ Writing for a range of purposes

- ✦ Phonics screening test (end of Y1)-real and nonsense words same approach as in lessons. Year 2 children will also do the test in Nov 2020 having missed it in year 1 due to COVID-19.
- ✦ Reading test – SATs (Y2)- no practice papers given but children made familiar with format through class activities

Reading KS1



- ✦ Home/school books can be changed Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- ✦ Sign link books to show what they have read-library books, comics, newspaper etc. Not just the school book.
- ✦ Need book in school everyday
- ✦ Guided Reading-colour band above the band they read at home to you. We teach them the next steps while you celebrate your child's achievements with a book that they should already be able to read the majority of
- ✦ Please listen to your child read regularly. Page to record any books read in the holiday.
- ✦ Read books to your child regularly
- ✦ Additional book to share at home at the start of year 1-it is not expected that your child should be able to read this but for you to read to them.

Reading KS2



- ✦ Children will be given a reading book for home. This may be a colour band book or one from the KS2 readers shelves depending on ability. They may require parental support with this.
- ✦ When children read at home, sign their link books as the children will be rewarded & gain responsibilities (Reading Ambassadors). Please ensure it is signed by an adult.
- ✦ Ideally children read with parents at least 3 times a week.

KS1 Phonics and Spellings

- ✦ Phonics continues on from Reception in Year 1.
- ✦ Spelling rules and patterns (Y2)
- ✦ Not tested on spellings although word lists can be found in the link book for each year group that they need to know



KS2 Spellings



- ✦ We will send home the statutory spellings for children to learn in Key Stage 2 with their Learning Logs (See Homework slide) – and will have an end of term challenge to check how the children are getting on.
- ✦ The children will learn additional spelling and grammar rules and patterns in their own classes.
- ✦ Children still working at phonic level will continue to have support with this with the teacher.

Maths



- ✦ Work in ability groups within their own class (flexible groupings)
- ✦ Discreet lessons or linked to topic
- ✦ Mental Maths lessons to improve number facts
- ✦ SATs Year 2 - No practice papers although children will be made familiar with the format during normal lessons
- ✦ Times Tables Check (end of Y4) – timed online check which children will be given some experience of
- ✦ TT Rockstars and Numbots will continue to be used in school and for homework this year

Building Learning Power

- ✦ Look out for certificates that your child may bring home when they have been a Tough Tortoise, Sensible Squirrel, Wise Owl or worked as Team Ant
- ✦ Following a super week when they have shown a range of these learning powers they can also achieve a Star Powerful Learner certificate



Supporting Children



- ✦ We support children in many different ways, some long term, some short
- ✦ Sometimes children need support with learning, friendships, behaviour etc
- ✦ Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns in the first instance. Catch us when you pick up your children or ask us to give you a phone call

Homework



- ✦ A choice of activities is sent out for the half term to be completed at your child's pace. Some activities are directed, some more open ended.
- ✦ KS1 share and celebrate homework with their peers as completed.
- ✦ KS2 bring Learning Logs in on a Thursday to share and celebrate on Friday.
- ✦ Logs will be celebrated at the end of a unit of work and certificates awarded (KS2)
- ✦ Support for homework in school at lunchtime on Thursday if needed (KS2)

Rewards and Sanctions

KS1



- ✦ Red, orange, green and gold boards- All children begin every day on green and can move onto gold if great achievements made.
- ✦ Celebration assembly (not currently able to run but celebrate within their classroom)
- ✦ Golden Time on a Friday afternoon
- ✦ Reaching class targets can lead to a whole class treat
- ✦ Red book may be used as a sanction for problems at playtimes

Rewards and Sanctions in KS2



- ✦ Children can earn goals which are displayed to celebrate their successes.
- ✦ 3 goals = a hat trick
- ✦ Can also be given yellow or red cards (loss of Golden Time) for poor choices after warnings. These are not displayed.
- ✦ Reaching class targets can lead to a whole class treat
- ✦ Red book may be used as a sanction for problems at playtimes

Uniform



- ✦ Correct uniform please-green jumpers, cardigans, fleeces not hoodies
- ✦ Hair accessories-small, simple hairbands and bows.
- ✦ Coats in school please
- ✦ **EVERYTHING** named please!

PE and kits



- ✦ Shorts, T-shirt and daps or trainers. Please regularly check that these still fit. (Outdoor kit needed for KS2)
- ✦ All clothes named in a named PE bag
- ✦ It is useful to have kit in every day. These will be sent home each half term for washing.
- ✦ Swimming:
 - Autumn Term = Mars and Milky Way
 - Spring Term = Year 2 (Jupiter and Saturn)
 - Summer Term = Galaxy

Snack & lunch time...




- ✦ Daily snack time (KS1 have 2 snack-times. Please only send in 1 snack as the other is provided)
- ✦ Fruit or vegetables only
- ✦ Water rather than juice in water bottles
- ✦ Milk can be ordered from Coolmilk (speak to the office!)
- ✦ Hot school dinners-universal free school meals for all KS1 children. Please see the office for menus
- ✦ No nut products allowed in school-we have some children with severe allergies. (This includes hummus)

Home time arrangements



- ✦ Please send a note in the link book, speak to the class teacher or phone the office if there is a change of home time arrangements. Children will not be handed over to adults unless we are given notice.
- ✦ If a child walks home, please send written permission or they will not be allowed to leave (Year 4 only)
- ✦ If your child attends a club, please let the office know if they not attending. Hopefully we may have some clubs later in the year.
- ✦ Child's Play UK- after school club based at Vallis daily from 3-6pm. Please ensure all details are up to date with Childs Play UK including your child's class name.

Any other information



- ✦ No toys to be brought into school
- ✦ Violins- additional small group lessons are available in KS2
- ✦ Forest School for all children in year 1 during the year

... and please



- ✦ Label **ALL** property
- ✦ Check lost property boxes