

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.

Other Opportunities

- ✦ Forest School for year 1 children and Forest School Funday for all children across the school.
- ✦ Visits, visitors and local walks
- ✦ Science days, music and performance

Rewards and Sanctions

- ✦ Red, orange, green and gold boards- All children begin every day on green and can move onto gold if great achievements made.
- ✦ Celebration assembly.
- ✦ Golden Time on a Friday afternoon
- ✦ Reaching class targets can lead to a whole class treat.

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.

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 your child attends a club, please let the office know if they are not attending.
- ✦ Child's Play UK- after school club based at Vallis daily from 3-6pm.

...And please:

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

Welcome to KS1 Autumn 2021



Key Information

KS1 Team

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

Curriculum

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

- ✦ The National Curriculum-Age Related Expectations for each year group
- ✦ A cross-curricular approach
- ✦ A curriculum overview is shared on the school website for parents each term.

Continuous Provision

- ✦ Approach similar to EYFS being used in Year 1 to support transition into KS1 called 'Discovery Time'.
- ✦ Children have the opportunity to make choices in their learning while reinforcing concepts taught in guided group sessions.
- ✦ They have 'jobs' to complete each week.
- ✦ Also an opportunity to develop independence in the children's learning.

Maths

- ✦ Work in ability groups within their own class (flexible groupings).
- ✦ Discreet lessons or linked to topic
- ✦ Mental Maths lessons to improve number facts.

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

Reading

- ✦ 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- reading fully decodable texts and building on phonics taught in school.
- ✦ Please listen to your child read regularly. Page to record any books read in the holiday.
- ✦ Sharing book sent home with all children until they are an independent Key Stage Reader.

Phonics and Spellings

- ✦ Phonics continues on from Reception until they complete Phase 5.
- ✦ Spelling rules and patterns taught.
- ✦ Not tested on spellings although word lists can be found in the link book for each year group that they need to know.

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 and on your child's school report.
- ✦ We will have 'parents' meetings' in the autumn and spring terms. You will receive a written annual report at the end of the summer term.

Formal Assessment

- ✦ Phonics screening test (end of Y1)-real and nonsense words same approach as in lessons. Y2 children will also do the test in Nov 2021 having missed it in Y1 due to COVID-19.
- ✦ Reading test – SATs Y2- no practice papers given but children made familiar with format.
- ✦ Maths SATs Y2 - No practice papers although children will be made familiar with the format during normal lessons through class activities.