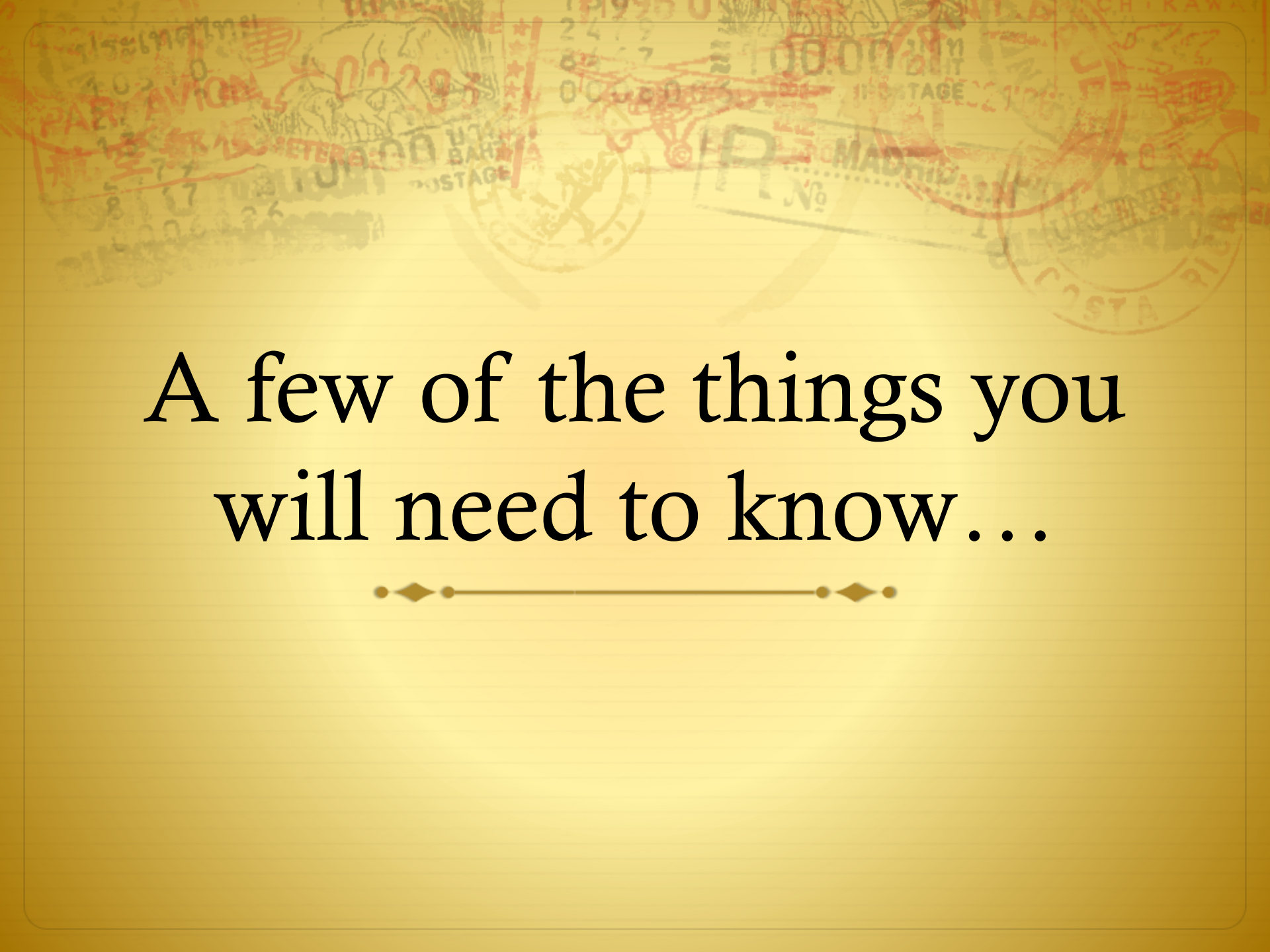




# Vallis Parents' Meeting Autumn 2022



The background features a collage of various postage stamps and postmarks. Visible text includes 'PAR AVION', 'MADRID', 'COSTA RICA', 'POSTAGE', and '100.00'. There are also some numbers and dates scattered across the stamps.

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



# KS2 Team



- ✦ Mrs Omer (Mon-Tues), Mrs Powrie (Wed-Fri): Voyager, Year 3
- ✦ Mrs Frost (Mon-Wed), Mrs Fox (Thurs-Fri): Milky Way, Year 3
- ✦ Mr Summers: Galaxy, Year 4
- ✦ Miss Harrington: Mars, Year 4
  
- ✦ KS2 Phase Leader: Mr Summers

# 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.



# 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 Assessments



- Times Tables Check (end of Y4) – timed online check which children will be given some experience of in lessons

# 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



- ✦ If your child is reading a decodable phonic book they will read the book 3 times at school to focus on different skills with each read. Please continue to read with them at home as normal. These books will be changed by an adult on a Monday.
- ✦ Children reading other books may change them when they have finished their book.
- ✦ 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 (“free 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 and on the homework grid.



# Maths



- ✦ Work in ability groups within their own class (flexible groupings)
- ✦ Mental Maths lessons to improve number facts, including times tables
- ✦ TT Rockstars online resource will be used in school and for homework this year

# Other Opportunities



- ✦ Violins- additional small group lessons are available in KS2
- ✦ Forest School Funday for all children across the school.
- ✦ Visits, visitors and local walks
- ✦ Science day, languages day, music and performance
- ✦ Sport sessions form IG Sports Team
- ✦ Y4 School Residential (Osmington Bay)

# 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.
- ✦ Classes will take it in turns to share with their friends and other classes how they have been Powerful Learners in our Friday whole school assemblies.





# Supporting Children




- ✦ We support children in many different ways, some long term, some short term.
- ✦ 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 leave a message at the office asking 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.
- ✦ KS2 bring Learning Logs in on a Thursday to share and celebrate on Friday. Even if your child hasn't completed a task that week, please send the Learning Log in.
- ✦ Logs will be celebrated at the end of a unit of work and certificates awarded (KS2)

# Supporting Children to Make Good Choices



- ✦ 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 leads to a whole class treat.

# Uniform



- ✦ Correct uniform please: green jumpers, cardigans, fleeces not hoodies. Opportunities to buy 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform (information in newsletters).
- ✦ Hair accessories-small, simple hairbands and bows.
- ✦ Coats in school please.
- ✦ Practical shoes.
- ✦ EVERYTHING named please! (Yes, we really do mean everything! 😊)



# PE and kits



- ✦ Black shorts, white t-shirt and daps or trainers. Please regularly check that these still fit.
- ✦ Outdoor kit: jogging bottoms (ideally black), sweatshirt (any colour, ideally plain).
- ✦ 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 for KS2 across the year.

# Snack & lunch time...



- ✦ Morning snack time
- ✦ Fruit or vegetables only
- ✦ Water rather than juice in water bottles please
- ✦ 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.)
- ✦ Please write your child's name on lunchboxes, water bottles etc.

# 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 you would like your child to walk home alone, please meet with Headteacher and 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 are not attending.
- ✦ 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.

# ... and please



- ✦ Label **ALL** property
- ✦ No toys to be brought into school
- ✦ Check lost property boxes