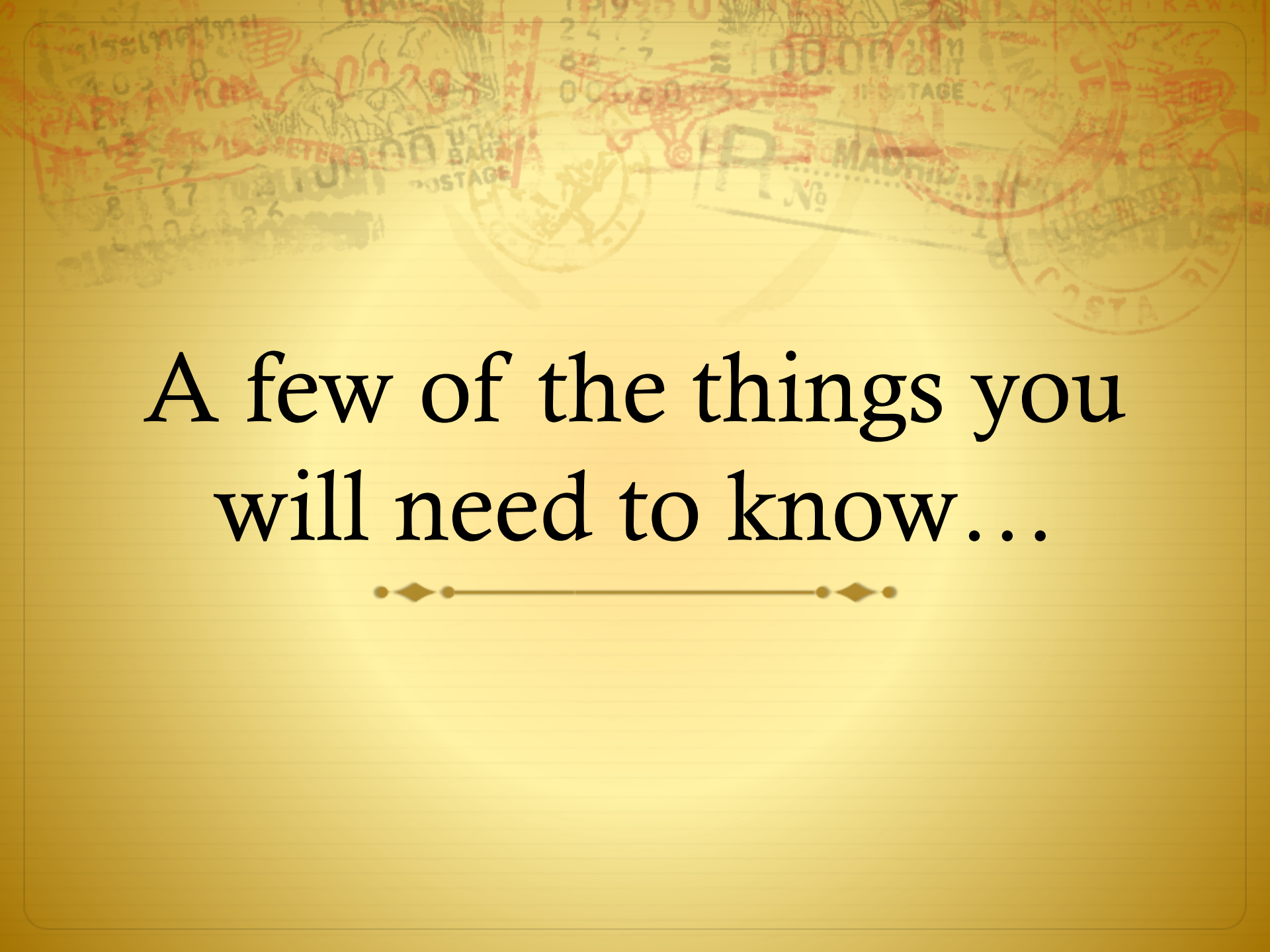





Vallis Parents' Meeting Autumn 2019





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



KS1 Team



- ✦ Mr Smith - Neptune Class (Y2)
- ✦ Mrs Molloy (Phase Leader) & Mrs Baker - Apollo Class (Y2)
- ✦ Miss Plumridge & Mrs Baker - Saturn Class (Y1)
- ✦ Mr Edwards – Jupiter Class (Y1)

KS2 Team



- ✦ Mrs Edwards (Voyager) – Year 3/4
- ✦ Mrs Frost and Miss Massey (Milky Way) – Year 3/4
- ✦ Mr Summers-Phase Leader (Galaxy) – Year 3/4

Changes



- ✦ Mixed age classes in KS2-Year 3 and 4
- ✦ Flexible ways of working
- ✦ Staff already experienced in this approach
- ✦ Children stay in their own classrooms with their class teacher. We are no longer running Project Afternoons

Curriculum



- ✦ National Curriculum-Age Related Expectations
- ✦ Regularly reviewing topics based on the class text
- ✦ Cross-curricular approach
- ✦ Curriculum overview shared on the Thursday note and on school website

Assessment



- ✦ Children described as working at, above (exceeding) or towards the age related expectations for their year group.
- ✦ Will hear these terms in parents' evenings and on your child's school report

English



- ✦ Spoken language (& listening skills)
- ✦ Reading - word reading & comprehension
- ✦ Writing - re-reading, editing, handwriting (joined from year 2)

- ✦ Phonics screening test (end of Y1)-real and nonsense words same approach as in lessons

- ✦ 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 in year 1-it is not expected that your child should be able to read this.

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

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



KS2 Spellings



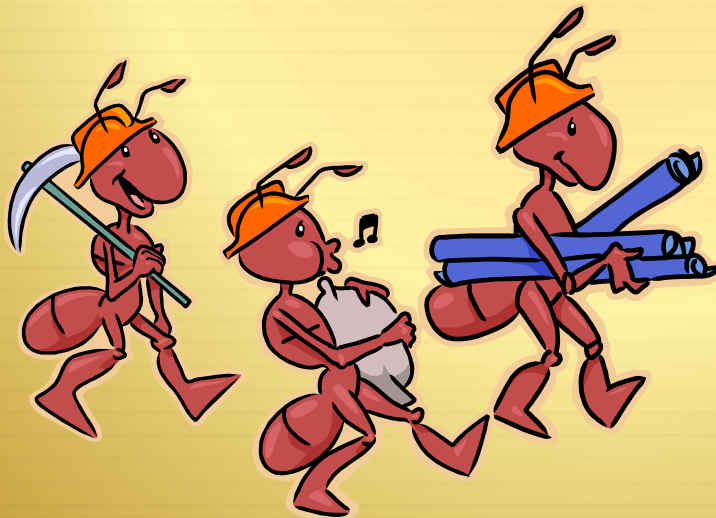
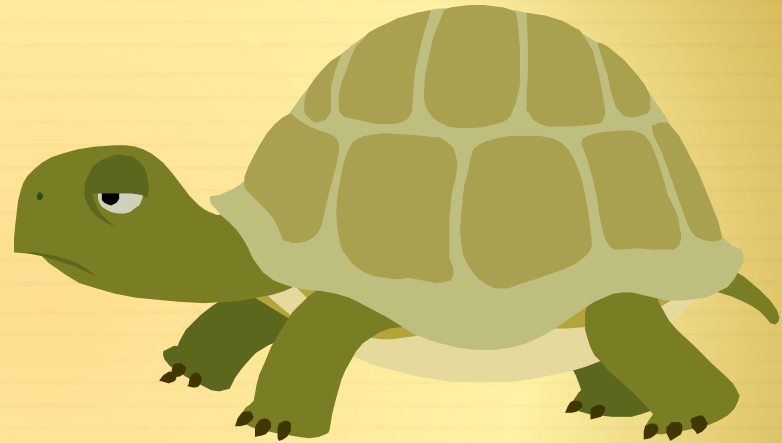
- ✦ We will send home the statutory spellings for children to learn in Key Stage 2 with their Learning Logs - end of term challenge
- ✦ The children will learn additional spelling and grammar rules and patterns in their own classes.
- ✦ Children still working at phonic level will continue to have support 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 (KS1)
- ✦ 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

Building Learning Power



Supporting Children



- ✦ Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns in the first instance.
- ✦ We support children in many different ways, some long term, some short
- ✦ Sometimes children need support with learning, friendships, behaviour etc

Homework



- ✦ A choice of activities to be completed at your child's pace. Some activities are directed, some more open ended.
- ✦ KS1 share homework as completed.
- ✦ KS2 bring Learning Logs in on a Thursday ready for the Gallery Walk 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
- ✦ Celebration assembly
- ✦ Golden Time
- ✦ Reaching class targets can lead to a whole class treat
- ✦ Red book (Playtimes)

Rewards and Sanctions in KS2



- ✦ Children can earn goals.
- ✦ 3 goals = a hat trick = 3x treat
- ✦ Reaching class targets can lead to a whole class treat
- ✦ Can also be given yellow or red cards
- ✦ Red book (Playtimes)

Uniform



- ✦ Correct uniform please-green jumpers, cardigans, fleeces not hoodies
- ✦ Hair accessories-small, simple hairbands and bows. Not large tiaras or animal style (unicorns etc) as very distracting
- ✦ Coats in school 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 = Voyager and Galaxy
 - Spring Term = Year 2 (Neptune and Apollo)
 - Summer Term = Milky Way

Snack & lunch time...



- ✦ Daily snack time
- ✦ Fruit or vegetables
- ✦ 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
- ✦ No nut products allowed in school-we have some children with severe allergies

Home time arrangements



- ✦ Please send a note in the link book 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
- ✦ 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



- ✦ Clubs- run half termly. Please check the start and finish dates
- ✦ Open door policy (however encourage independence coming into classroom and organising belongings)
- ✦ Consents
- Internet access (intranet/filtered/focused activities)
- ✦ Show and Tell Y1 (no 'Golden Time' toys)-do not bring toys in at other times in KS1 or 2 unless children are invited to
- ✦ Violins- additional small group lessons are available in KS2
- ✦ Forest School for all children in year 1 over the year

... and please



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