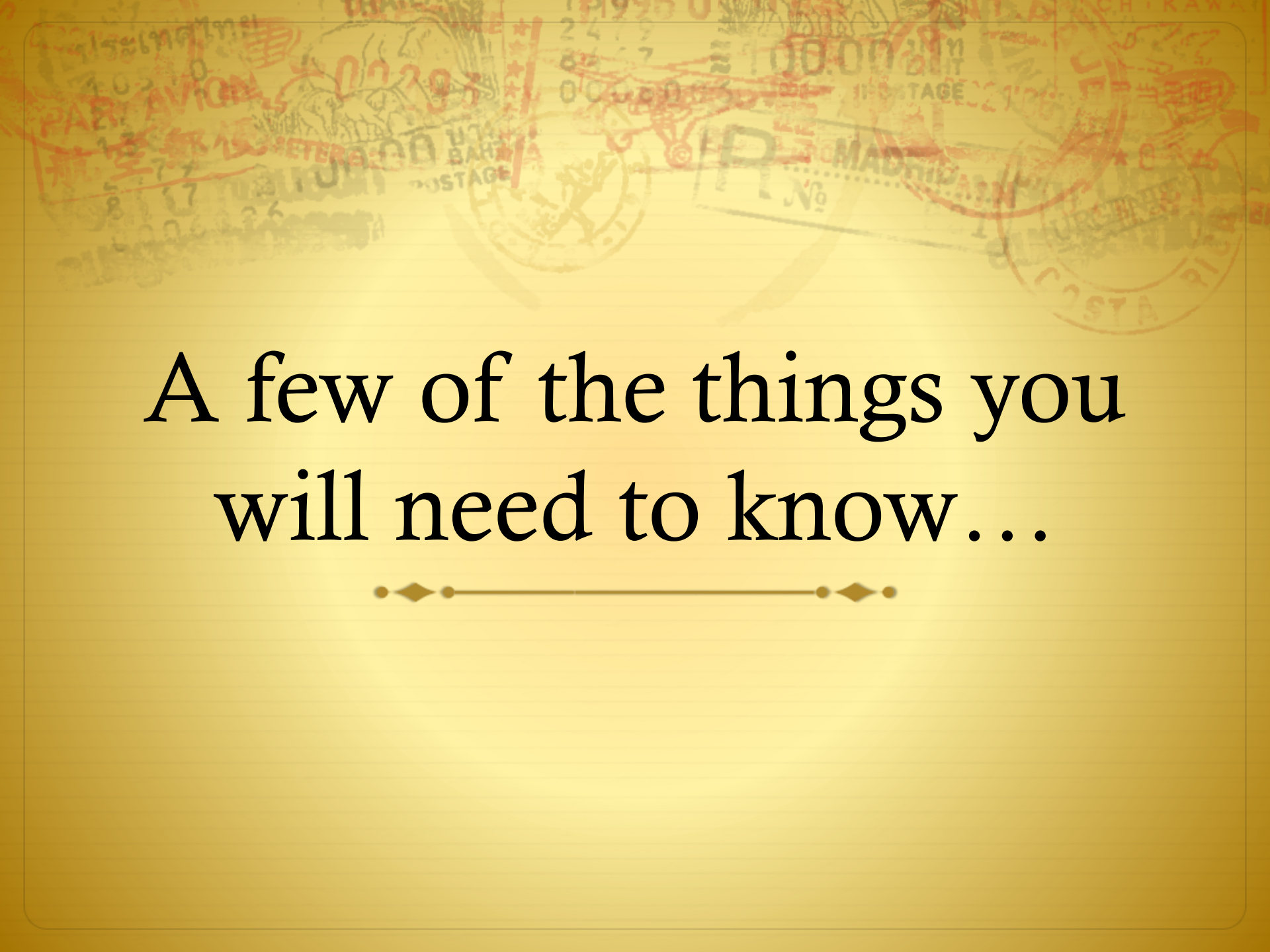



Vallis Parents' Meeting Autumn 2021





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 (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)

KS2 Team



- ✦ Mr Smith (Miss Clayson, Mrs Young, Miss Wilson, Mrs Merritt) - Mars– Year 3/4
- ✦ Mrs Frost and Mrs Baker (Mrs Banbury, Miss Dredge, Mrs McDermott) - Milky Way– Year 3/4
- ✦ Mr Summers-Phase Leader (Mrs Blagdon, Mrs Williams, Miss Dredge, Mrs Smith) - 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
- ✦ 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 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 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



- 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 2021 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
- Maths 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 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



- ✦ 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.



Maths



- ✦ Work in ability groups within their own class (flexible groupings)
- ✦ Discreet lessons or linked to topic
- ✦ Mental Maths lessons to improve number facts
- ✦ 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 for year 1 children and Forest School Funday for all children across the school.
- ✦ Visits, visitors and local walks
- ✦ Science days, music and performance
- ✦ Y4 School Residential

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

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

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



- ✦ Black shorts, white 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 for KS2 across the year.

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 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