



Reception/Year 1 Termly Newsletter

Autumn 1 – 2019

Starts 5th Sep 2019 ends 18th Oct. 2019



Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome to our mixed Reception/Year 1 class. We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and that all the children are now ready to start a new and exciting stage in their lives. This year our teaching assistants will be Mrs White and Mrs Vince, who are also very excited and ready to help us with our learning. We are also very lucky to have with us Mrs Cloutter supporting two (2) of children on a full-time basis and when time, she will be available to support other's learning.

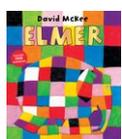
Our Topic

Our first topic this year will be "All about me". Throughout this topic, we will be looking at things that make them unique and special.

Reception children will be learning body parts, playing doctors and nurses in the role-play, discussing first day of school and talking about the things that are important for them.

Year 1 children will be extending their learning and exploring the topic in depth, bones, senses, etc. In history all children will make family trees and in art they will explore self-portraits.

Key stories



We will be reading and learning with stories such as 'Elmer'; 'The Elephant and the Bad Baby'; 'Avocado Baby' and traditional tales such as 'Little Red

Riding Hood'.

Important Reminders

Book bags - Children will be given a new Yellow Reading record and a story book. We aim to change Book Bags at least once week. This can happen on any day of the week, for this reason book bags need to be brought into school every day. Please listen to your child read at least three times in a week and record this in their yellow reading record.

Homework - Children will be taking home a 'Homework Challenge' every Friday (from week 3). This will just be a little project/activity that will be linked to our termly topic. The homework should be back by the following Friday.

Spellings for Year 1 children - In addition to their homework Challenge, children following

YEAR 1 curriculum will be bringing home a list of words to practise daily their spellings. Please support your child, this should not take too long. Children will have a short spelling check on Fridays.

PE- This first term our PE lessons will be on **Mondays** so please ensure your child has a (Named) PE kit ready for the session. It can be left on the peg for the whole term. For safety reasons NO jewellery is allowed to be worn other than plain stud earrings.

Resources contribution

We will continue to ask for a contribution of £1 a week. This donation is used to provide your child with resources that have to be replaced frequently, for example, playdough, cooking ingredients, sensory materials like foam, etc.

Important Dates for Reception Children

Settling in period

- **Week 1:** starts on Thursday 5th September 2019. Children come at 8.45am and finish at 1.00pm (after lunch).
- **Week 2:** Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th children start at 8.45am and finish at 1.30pm. From then (**Thursday 12th and Friday 13th**) children will stay all day. Year 1 children will stay all day from day 1 (5.9.19)
- **Week 7-** Friday 18 October-**Non-Pupil** day JUST Reception (F2) children.

If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to discuss with me, please let a member of staff know to book an appointment.

Thank you for your support, and have an enjoyable term,

Mrs Perez

Forest School Sessions



Information Sheet

Dear Parents/ carers,

From the following Wednesday your child will be taking part in weekly **Forest School** sessions that the children will call Welly Wednesday. **Forest School** is an inspirational and innovative educational approach to outdoor play. It provides learning opportunities through practical activities in an outdoor environment. During the forest school sessions, children explore and experience the natural world in all seasons and in all weathers, with the **exception** of high winds, storms or other extreme weather conditions. **Forest School** provides an inclusive and stimulating environment, supporting and developing the self-esteem of the children who take part.

The Forest School sessions will be led by Mrs Perez who is Forest School trained. Please complete the attached consent forms, so that your child can take part in Forest School activities. If you have any questions about Forest School, please feel free to approach a member of our staff who will be able to help you.

To find out more about Forest Schools, you can visit: <http://www.forestschoollassociation.org/what-is-forest-school/>

Please return the attached slip to school by Tuesday 10th September.

Thank you,

Mrs Perez

Year 1 Teacher



Parental consent form for Forest School Activities at Marlborough Primary School

As the parent/carer of:
(Name of Child/Children)

I have read, understand and am satisfied with the details supplied regarding Forest School activities and I agree for my son/daughter to take part in them.

I know of no medical reason why my child should not participate.

In the event of a minor accident I agree for First Aid to be administered by a qualified First Aider.

- do / do not ** give my consent for photographs of my child to be taken and used for forest school displays including our school website.

Does your child suffer from any of the following?

Asthma YES/NO

Diabetes YES/NO

Epilepsy YES/NO

Heart conditions YES/NO

Allergies YES/NO please specify:

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