



Autumn 2023 1st Half Term- Year 1

Hello and welcome from Team Parkland. We hope you all had a great Summer Holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead.

We have a busy year ahead and the aim of these updates is to keep you informed of team specific information and dates that will be useful to you. These will include things like dates for trips, workshops and important events. We also aim to give you an overview of what the children will be learning each half term. We will ensure that throughout the year we provide lots of opportunities to talk about how you can support your children at home with different activities for their learning.

The classes in Team Parkland are as follows:

Hazel (Year 2) – Mr Pohl, Mrs Kalnina, Mrs Antonsen

Chestnut (Year 1&2) – Miss Kearley, Miss Bennett, Mrs Woodward

Alder (Year 1) – Mrs Romanay-Bhatt and Mrs Dennis

English

- ★ **Word building:** We will begin by looking at letters and sounds placing them in order and identifying the vowels and consonants. We will build words around our phonics focus by using practical resources. We will also be exploring words based on the stories we are reading.
- ★ **Reading:** The children will enjoy listening to a range of stories and will begin listening to a class chapter book. We will spend time reading Letterland readers that link to phonics lessons. The children will be reading these for home reading as well. You will receive more information on this shortly.
- ★ **Phonics:** The children will have daily phonics sessions to build on their knowledge. We will learn through the Letterland scheme that has proven very popular with the children in previous years.

Maths

★ Number and Place Value:

The children will be focusing on recognising, ordering, reading and writing numbers. They will work out numbers that are one more or one less than a given number. They will also be comparing numbers using **greater than (>)** and **less than (<)** symbols.

$$20 < 24$$

20 is less than 24

$$15 > 12$$

15 is greater than 12

★ Addition and Subtraction:

The children will be learning number bond facts and how to add and subtract single digit numbers. They will learn a range of methods to support them with correctly adding and subtracting including part-whole models, crossing out and using a number line.

Foundation Subject focus areas

- ★ **Geography:** Introducing seasonal changes and the United Kingdom.
- ★ **History:** The Gunpowder Plot and Bonfire Night.
- ★ **Computing:**
Logging in and getting started
- ★ **PE:**
Object control & Movement and Finding Space
- ★ **PSHE:**
Mind-up curriculum
- ★ **Art Week focus:**
Pattern
- ★ **Science:**
Everyday Materials
- ★ **Music:**
Musical vocabulary
- ★ **French:**
French greetings

Foundation Subject *big questions* will be updated on the school website.

Team Enchantment reminders for this half term

- ★ Please ensure your child's uniform is clearly labelled, it is much easier to return lost items if they are named. This includes school water bottles which every child is required to have in school daily.
- ★ **Curriculum evening:** Tuesday 26th September 6:30pm
PE days: Hazel: Monday and Wednesday Chestnut: Monday and Thursday Alder: Monday and Wednesday
- ★ As a way of supporting the children in Key Stage One with their Phonics (the learning of sounds), Reading and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), you are invited to a shared Phonics and SPaG based session every Friday morning 8.40-8.55. The children will be able to apply their English knowledge in fun and vibrant ways and it will provide an opportunity for parents to pick up tips on how best to support their children's reading and writing at home. The first session will begin on Friday 23rd September.

Many thanks for your support