



Autumn 2021 1st Half Term- Year 1

Hello and welcome from the new Team Parkland. We are all starting to get used to the new Team and Class names! 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 1&2) – Miss Wright, Miss Browne, Miss Hichens and Mrs Woodward

Chestnut (Year 1) – Miss Kearley, Mrs Dennis and Mrs Kalnina

Alder (Year 2) – Miss Wells, Mrs Vieira and Mrs Mills

English

★ Word and sentence building:

We will be teaching English through a skills based approach, ensuring that the children have a good grasp of basic fundamental skills including: full stops, capital letters, finger spacing and spelling phonetically.

★ **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 up to 10. 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.

Topic

Celebrate and Remember

★ **History:** The children will be going back in time to learn about The Gunpowder Plot. They will have a chance to enquire, ask questions and discover some of the key events during this time. The children will also learn about London during this time period and how it differs to London now.

★ **Science:** The children will be looking at different materials and exploring their properties.

★ **Computing:** The children will be learning about logging in to the computers and will begin to become more confident with accessing different websites.

★ **Geography:** We will introduce the 4 compass points and begin learning directional language. The children will apply their knowledge during exciting outdoor lessons.

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.

PE days: **Hazel:** Monday and Wednesday **Chestnut:** Monday and Wednesday **Alder:** Monday and Thursday

★ 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 8.45-9.00. 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 17th September.

Many thanks for your support

Miss Wright (Team Leader), Miss Browne, Miss Kearley and Miss Wells