



Autumn 2024 1st Half Term- Year 1

Hello and welcome from Team Parkland. We have really enjoyed spending the last few weeks getting to know the children and beginning an exciting year together.

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:

Alder (Year 1&2) – Miss Wright and Miss Harpin

Chestnut (Year 2) – Miss Kearley and Mrs Kalnina

Hazel (Year 1) – Miss Jeffery, Mrs Dennis and Miss Silbery

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. 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:** Introduction to map work and field work skills

★ **Computing:**

Logging in and getting started

★ **RE:**

Hinduism and community

★ **PE:**

Object control & Movement and Finding Space

Logging in and getting started

★ **PSHE:**

Finding and making friends

★ **Art Week focus:**

Line: Still life drawing

★ **Science:**

Animals including Humans: My body and my senses

★ **Music:**

Pulse and rhythm (Theme: All about me)

★ **French:**

Talking about portraits; describing ourselves

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

Team Parkland 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 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 11th October.

Many thanks for your support

Miss Wright (Team Leader), Miss Jeffery and Miss Kearley