



Autumn 2026 1st Half Term- Year 1

Hello and welcome from Team Parkland. We have really enjoyed spending the last week 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. **There will be a Year 1 Parent Workshop at 2:45pm on Wednesday 16th September and 9:00am on Thursday 17th September.**

The classes in Team Parkland are as follows:

Alder (Year 1) – Miss Kearley and Mrs Goater

Chestnut (Year 2) – Miss Jeffery and Mrs Kalnina

English

★ **Phonics:** The children will have daily phonics sessions to learn new sounds and build on their knowledge of blending and segmenting from the Early Years. We will learn through the Letterland scheme.

★ **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 each of the phonics lessons.

★ **Tales toolkit:**

Alongside phonics lessons, the children will have an opportunity to develop their story telling skills.

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

★ **PSHE:**

Friendship

★ **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 are 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: Alder: Tuesday and Thursday **Chestnut:** Tuesday and Thursday

★ As a way of supporting the children in Key Stage One with their learning, you are invited to a shared Phonics based session every Friday morning 8.40-8.55. The children will be able to apply their English and Maths 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 Fun Phonics session will be Friday 18th September.**

Many thanks for your support

Miss Kearley (KS1 Lead) and Miss Jeffery