



KEY STAGE 1 AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER 1



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JUNIOR, INFANT
& NURSERY SCHOOL

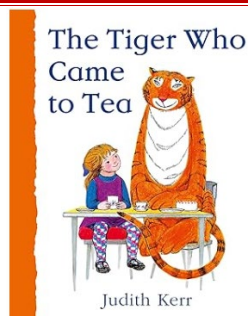
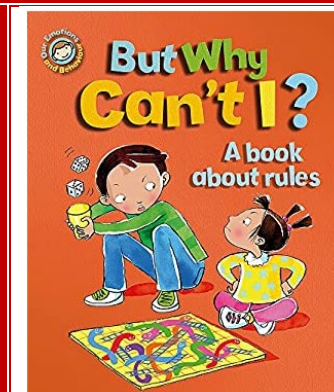
As a staff, we have been so proud as to how well all the children have settled into the new school year and how well they are engaging with our new routines. We are already seeing excellent attitudes towards learning and some wonderful manners. As we progress into the autumn term, we are keen to maintain and develop these excellent high standards. We look forward to seeing parents and carers at our Class Teacher Welcome Evening coming up soon.

Reading, Writing, Maths and Science

This term our class books are 'But Why Can't I?' and 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'.

This term we will be embedding the basics in English – letter formation, punctuation, capital letters and finger spaces. We will develop our understanding of sentences and use these to write for a range of purposes including character descriptions, narratives and lots more.

In maths, children will be primarily consolidating their understanding of place value, addition and subtraction. We will also cover shapes, both 2D and 3D and learn how to describe and compare these using the correct mathematical terminology. In science we will first learn about humans and how they grow and then go onto looking at the seasonal changes through autumn and winter.



Curriculum

We have lots of exciting learning to look forward to this term. In DT, we will be learning about mechanisms and healthy eating, this will tie into our PSHE where, after learning about respectful relationships, we will go onto learning about health and hygiene. In History, we will learn about the Magna Carta and about Remembrance Day and their significance. In art, we will sketch self-portraits, taking inspiration from Vincent Van Gogh and creating still life drawings in the style of Paul Cezanne. In PE, we will practise our team building and fundamental skills before moving onto gymnastics and fitness.

PE Information

Class 1 – Thursday

Class 1/2 – Monday

Class 2 - Wednesday

Children will come to school dressed in their PE kit on these days. Please ensure kits are fully labelled and follow the school uniform guidance. Please remember to remove earrings before school on PE days.

Key dates

Please see the school calendar below.

Homework

Reading books and homework will be sent home each week. As you know, reading at home, practising spellings and completing homework can have a huge impact on your child's learning and progression this year so please find the time each day to do this. RWI books will be changed every Friday so please ensure these are read and returned by then. Homework will go out on a Tuesday, and needs to be completed and returned to school by the following Monday.

We also have access to TT Rockstars so your child can practice their times tables on a digital device. Login details will be provided at the front of your child's homework book soon.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's progress and learning.
Feel free to arrange an appointment to discuss anything if necessary.

Miss Starkey, Mrs Oxley, Mrs Lindop, Miss Parfitt, Mrs Spence-Hirst, Miss Shaw and Mrs Basharat.



Autumn Term Diary Dates 2025

September

Tuesday 16 th September	EYFS Phonic Parent Meeting 5-5.30pm
Thursday 18 th September	Year 1 Phonics Parents Meeting 5-5.30pm
Tuesday 23 rd September	Meet the Teacher 4-5pm
Thursday 25 September	KS2 Cross Country competition
Friday 26 th September	European Language Day
Monday 29th September	EYFS Autumn Harvest Workshop with Parents 2-3pm
Tuesday 30 th September	KS1 Autumn Harvest Workshop with Parents 2-3pm

October

Wednesday 1 st October	LKS2 Autumn Harvest Workshop with Parents 2-3pm
Thursday 2 nd October	UKS2 Autumn Harvest Workshop with Parents 2-3pm
Wednesday 8 th October	Y5/6 Football Festival
Wednesday 8 th October	SEND Parent Meetings 3.30-6pm
Friday 10 th October	Mental Health Day
Tuesday 14 th October	Individual School Photos
Wednesday 15 th October	SEND Coffee Morning 9-10am
Thursday 16 th October	Y5/6 Boys Football Competition
Tuesday 21 st October	Diwali
Thursday 23 rd October	Y5/6 Boys Football Competition
Friday 24 th October	Half Term Holiday begins (one week)

November

Monday 3 rd November	Inset Day – School Closed to children
Tuesday 4 th November	First Day of Autumn term 2
Monday 10 th November	EYFS Open Classroom 2.45-3.15pm
Tuesday 11 th November	KS1 Open Classroom 2.45-3.15pm
Tuesday 11 th November	Armistice Day
Wednesday 12 th November	UKS2 Open Classroom 2.45-3.15pm
Thursday 13 th November	LKS2 Open Classroom 2.45-3.15pm
Thursday 13 th November	Y3/4 Football Festival
Wednesday 19 th November	International Men's Day
Thursday 20 th November	Reading by Fire Side 4.45-5.45pm
Friday 21 st November	Non-uniform for the Christmas fair
Friday 21 st November	Children In Need Bake Sale
Thursday 27 th November	Y5/6 Active Curriculum Festival

December

Thursday 4 th December	Christmas Fair 2-3.30pm
Wednesday 10 th December	KS1 Football Skills Festival
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 15 th December	EYFS Nativity 9.30am
Monday 15 th December	EYFS Nativity 5pm
Tuesday 16 th December	KS1 Nativity 9.30am
Tuesday 16 th December	KS1 Nativity 5pm
Wednesday 17 th December	KS2 Christmas Carols
Thursday 18 th December	Present delivered by Santa
Thursday 18 th December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Parties
Friday 19 th December	Start of Christmas Holiday