

# Autumn 1 Newsletter

## Topic - School Life



Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable summer and are ready to start Year 1. Below you will find lots of useful information to help you start the year well.

### Staff

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Mrs Frost (teacher) Miss Osman (TA) Mrs Hewitt (TA) Mrs Watson (TA) Miss Borges(TA)	Miss Robinson (teacher) Mr Schultz (TA) Mrs Evelyn (TA) Miss Hewitt (TA)
Mr Andrews and Mrs Eaton will teach both classes during the week.	

### Reminders

- School starts at 8.45am, your child should line up on the playground with their teacher. The door will then be closed, if you arrive after this you will need to take your child to the office.
- On Tuesday and Thursday please come to school wearing your PE kit.
- Please ensure that you bring a **named** water bottle to school every day.
- Please ensure **all** items of clothing are clearly named.
- Please read your reading book at home as often as possible, and record your reading in your reading record books. You will receive a Dojo Point each time you read at home.
- Home time is 3.15pm. Parents, please wait in the allocated areas of the playground. If you would like to talk to us, please wait until we have sent the children home before approaching us. This will allow us to see all of the children off safely.

### Encouraging Good Behaviour

At St. Matthew's we always take a positive approach to behaviour management and encourage the children to be responsible, conscientious learners. Pupils earn Dojo points for excellent behaviour and effort. If they have the most points at the end of the week then they will receive a special sticker. Children will also receive stickers for academic achievements which contribute to the Going for Gold scheme. Throughout the year they will work towards their bronze, silver and gold awards which they will receive in assemblies. Every Friday one child is also chosen as the Star of the Week and will bring home a certificate.

### Rules

The school rules are as follows:

1. We are kind and respectful.
2. We follow instructions.
3. We keep our hands and feet to ourselves.

We use a behaviour chart to encourage pupils to follow the rules. Everyone begins the week with their names on the sunshine part of the chart. If a child breaks the rules after being reminded, they move their name to the cloud. All pupils begin each new day back on the sunshine. Below you will find the repercussions of a child moving their name onto the cloud during one week:

1<sup>st</sup> time: parent informed at the end of the day

2<sup>nd</sup> time: fill in a white letter during playtime which is then sent home

3<sup>rd</sup> time: pupil speaks to a member of senior leadership and will receive a yellow letter.

4<sup>th</sup> time: pupil speaks to the head teacher, who then sends a red-letter home.

## Curriculum

We are super excited for our **School Life** topic this half term, which will inspire much of the learning. English, Maths and Science are taught regularly each week whereas other curriculum subjects are taught at specific times during the half term.

Subjects taught weekly	
Maths	Numbers to 10, addition and subtraction
English	Ruby's Worrry by Tom Percival
Science	Identifying Materials
PE	Gymnastics
RE	Prayer and Worship – Christianity
PSHE	Being me in my world
Music	BBC Teach: Little Red Riding Hood
Subjects taught within our topic lessons	
History	School through the years – w.c. 9.9.2024
Art	Drawing – w.c 30.9.2024
Computing	E-safety and algorithms – w.c 21.10.2024

## Dates

School Photographs – 15.10.2024

Victorian School Day (parents invited in from 2pm) – 16.10.2024

Parents evening week – w.c 21.10.2024

PD Day (school is not open) – 25.10.2024

## Homework

Homework will be posted on ClassDojo each Monday, beginning on the 9th September. Our homework tasks will be discussions for you to have together, or simple activities to do that relate to the learning we will be doing in school. The children will share their ideas with the rest of the class during the week.

## Library

Year 1 will visit the library on a Thursday morning. Please return library books each week so the children can choose a new one to bring home.

## Red Words

Each term the children will have a new set of red words that we would like you to practise reading and spelling with your child. They will be tested before half term and this will give you a chance to practise any they are unsure of. This term they are learning

a	do	today	of	said
were	is	his	has	says

Thank you for your support!

**Mrs Frost and Miss Robinson**