

Key Stage 1 Newsletter Autumn Term 2021



Tannery Drift
First School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new school year and to all our new children, families and staff. We are so proud of how well the children have settled back in to life at Tannery Drift and we thank you for all your support in this first week. We have planned lots of exciting learning for this term and this newsletter will give you a taste of what the children will be learning about during the Autumn Term. Curriculum Overviews for the Autumn term are also available on the school website on the class pages to give you further information. Any support you are able to provide on these topics will enrich the children's learning experiences.

Topics and Themes

Year 1

Our first topic will involve children becoming palaeontologists and learning about dinosaurs! We will discover different types of dinosaurs and where their fossils were discovered in the world. We will develop our science skills of grouping and classifying to group dinosaurs based on their diet and we will also learn about, and create, our own dinosaur fossil replicas.

Year 2

Our first topic this school year is 'The Great Fire of London'. We will begin by learning about the countries in the UK and their capital cities, before zooming in on London and comparing London now to London in the past, including what it was like to live there and what jobs were available to people. This will lead us to The Great Fire of London, and we will explore the events of what happened.

More Curriculum Information

Half-termly curriculum maps detailing themes and learning outcomes across all areas of the curriculum, can be found on our class pages of the school website. The Maths and English sections of the website contain detailed information on year group objectives and methods.

Reading

Of course, reading helps to enrich your child's language and makes them a better writer. Reading together and experiencing the wonders of a book is one of the most valuable ways of helping your child learn. Children are encouraged to read for pleasure and have a wide selection of books to choose from in the classrooms as they will not be visiting the library this term.

Year 1

In Year 1, Mrs Jarvis teaches Owl Class, supported by Mrs Temple-Hill on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Geldart on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Miss Johnson teaches the Pelican Class, supported by Miss Fenton.

Please look on the class pages of the website to find out more about the classes.

Year 2

In Year 2, Miss Watts teaches the Puffin Class, supported by Mrs Lawrence. Miss Blake teaches the Red Fox Class, supported by Mrs Leggett on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Paul on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Goodyear will teach the Puffins on a Friday and the Red Foxes on a Wednesday morning.

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Enjoyment – Achievement – Respect

PE

All children in KS2 will be encouraged to be active every day, from the daily mile to active English/maths sessions and formal PE lessons. Children will need to come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day, as follows:

Year 1: Tuesday

Year 2: Thursday

Equipment

Please ensure children come to school prepared for all weathers, with warm waterproof clothing including a pair of named wellies or shoes that can get muddy. We encourage children to go outside in all weathers and we will be outside for many lessons this term. Children must also have indoor shoes to change in to.

Please check that your child brings in a named water bottle to school each day – only water is permitted. School will provide a healthy snack every day but children are also permitted to bring in their own healthy snack for break time. This should ideally be fruit, vegetables, crackers or plain biscuits. No nut products, sweets or high sugar/salt items (such as cakes, crisps, chocolate biscuits etc.) are allowed as we follow the 'Healthy Schools' initiative.

Please name everything, including shoes, coats and water bottles are labelled. We aim to foster independence and to do this, children need to be able to recognise their own names and clothing.

Punctuality

Please ensure that all children arrive in school on time and ready to learn each morning. Lessons and learning start promptly every day. Thank you for your support.

Home Learning

Please support your child with their reading at home by reading at least three times a week. Discussing what they have read and sharing predictions for what might happen is key to supporting their comprehension skills. As children begin Year 2, we encourage them to be independent in knowing that their reading book needs changing and change it themselves.

More information about spellings and how to best support your child in their phonics and spelling skills will be sent out during the year group meetings or later in the term.

We hope children are also enjoying '100 Things To Do Whilst At Tannery Drift'. Copies can be downloaded from the class pages on the school website.

Dates for your diary

Week beginning Monday 27th September: Bike to School Week

Friday 1st October: Red Fox Class Assembly*

Friday 15th October: Pelican Class Assembly*

Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st October: Parent Consultations

Friday 5th November: Puffin Class Assembly*

Wednesday 17th November: Arts Week Art Gallery

Friday 19th November: Owl Class Assembly*

*class assemblies will continue to be recorded and a link will be sent to you to watch them at home with your child.

Best wishes from
The Key Stage 1 Team



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