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AUTUMN 2

WELCOME TO KS1

Books We Are Reading

Reading is a key part of our curriculum because it helps us to understand the world around us. It also excites, motivates and takes us to different places.

This half term, alongside our story time books, we will be using some lovely texts in our lessons to awaken curiosity and deepen learning. These books are:

Not Now, Bernard! by David McKee

Whatever Next? by Jill Murphy

Sunny Days, Rainy Days by Vicky Shipton

Percy the Park Keeper by Nick Butterworth

A Necklace of Raindrops by Joan Aiken

Expectations

Please remember that children are not allowed to come to school wearing nail varnish, coloured trainers or hoop/dangling earrings. Thank you for your support in this.

PE

As the weather turns colder, PE sessions will be inside. Therefore, children must bring their school PE kit with them for their lessons. PE kit is: a pair of red shorts, a white t-shirt and a pair of suitable shoes. Earrings must not be worn for PE lessons.

Miss Murphy: Tuesday & Thursday

Miss Shadforth & Miss Booty: Monday & Friday

What Should I Wear Today?

In our wider curriculum learning, the children will become engineers through our DT and Science work. In DT, we will be designing, making and evaluating a coat to keep Teddy dry when it rains. This links to our Science work because we will be investigating the properties and uses of a range of materials to find out what they are suitable for. Our seasons work will continue in Geography through daily discussions about the weather, the dark nights and what big events are coming. During PSHE lessons, we will look at how people are different and why this is something to celebrate. In RE, the children will continue to develop their knowledge of Christianity by looking at artefacts, symbols, places of worship, prayer and celebrations. PE lessons will consist of learning new skills and developing current ones as we turn our hand to throwing and catching.

Reading & Homework

Your child will continue to bring home a reading book and a reading record in their book bags. We expect children to read at least 3 times per week but every night would be amazing!

Your child will also receive weekly spellings and a piece of wider learning homework. Some of this will be sent out via Seesaw so please ask if you do not have access.

Maths

In Maths, we will be deepening and broadening the children's knowledge of addition and subtraction, using a range of methods and equipment. Then we will move on to measurements and will spend some time looking at money.

English

In our English lessons, we will be delving into a range of quality books (as above) and using them to learn and develop a range of writing skills. The children will write their own set of instructions, be the authors of their own 'overcoming a monster' story and even take a trip to the moon to write a diary entry.

Attendance

We have been disappointed by some poor KS1 attendance in Autumn 1. It is very important that all children are in school every day. Sometimes, children might seem a bit poorly first thing, but will perk up as soon as they are with their friends. Please be assured that, if your child is unwell at school, we will contact you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask one of us on the gate or email / telephone school and we will get back to you as we can.

Viewley Hill Academy
Awakening Curiosity
Creating Success

Viewley Values

- We try **our best**
- We **listen**
- We are **respectful**
- We are **honest**
- We are **kind** and **helpful**

The Viewley Values are our school rules.