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## Spring 1

### Welcome Back, KS1!

#### Books We Are Reading

We love reading in KS1! It allows us to transport to different places and meet a range of people and creatures.

This half term, we will start with a classic—***The Three Billy Goats Gruff***. As we move through the half term, we will be using some lovely texts and stories in our lessons to awaken curiosity and deepen learning. These books are:

***Little Elizabeth: The Young Princess Who Became Queen*** by Valerie Wilding

***There are 101 Animals in This Book*** by Campbell

***Sunny Days, Rainy Days*** by Vicky Shipton

***The Queen's Lift Off*** by Steve Anthony

#### 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

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—if children have them in, they need to be able to take them out themselves.

**Miss Murphy:** Monday & Tuesday

**Miss Shadforth:** Monday & Friday

**Miss Booty:** Thursday & Friday

#### How Did We Get Here?

In our wider curriculum learning, the children will become artists as we look at Vincent Van Gough and Steven Brown in our Art lessons. This links to our Science work because we will be focusing on animals (including humans) and investigating a variety of creatures. We will turn into historians as we focus on the Queen, her life and her legacy in History lessons. Our seasons and weather work will continue in Geography through daily discussions about the weather, how the day length is changing and what big events are coming. During PSHE lessons, we will concentrate on how to keep ourselves safe and who to turn to for support. In RE, the children will learn about sacred places and what these mean to believers of faiths. Our PE lessons will be all about learning new skills and developing current ones. Our focus will be on running and jumping and how to incorporate this into games and activities.

#### Reading & Homework

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

We will also send weekly spellings and a piece of wider learning homework. This will be sent out via Seesaw so please ask if you do not have access.

#### Maths

In Maths, we will continue to focus on place value and calculations (using the 4 operations). We will also broaden out mathematic skills by looking at time, statistics and measures.

#### English

In our English lessons, we will be reading and enjoying a range of quality books (as above) and using them to develop and strengthen a range of writing skills. The children will create a character profile, compose a fact file about an animal and even go on a journey with the Queen to tell their own voyage and return narrative.

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.

#### Attendance

It is still very important that your child is in school every day. Children have lost a lot of learning and are working really hard to make up the gaps.

We know that parents are doing their best to manage illness, COVID regulations and attendance. Please be assured that, if your child is unwell in school, we will contact you and let you know.

**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.**