VIEWLEY HILL ACADEMY
Team Newsletter

AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER
Year 1 & 2
2026-2027

MEET OUR TEAM
Team Leader: Miss Sheard
Y1: Mrs Hutchinson
Y1/2: Miss Wild
Y2: Miss Sheard
Teaching and Learning Assistants:
Mrs Dodsworth, Miss Wheatley, Mrs O'Leary

Pastoral Support: Mrs Stitchell and Miss Langstaff

OUR SCHOOL DAY
Arrival: 8.40am
Gates closed: 8.50am
End of day: 3:10pm

PE KIT
Children are expected to bring their PE kit (**red shorts, white t-shirt & trainers**) for every session. PE days are as follows:
Mrs Hutchinson: Tuesday & Friday
Miss Wild: Monday & Tuesday
Miss Sheard: Tuesday & Thursday

OUR LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

This term in **Maths** year 1 will be working on numbers to 10 while year 2 will begin working on their addition and subtraction skills.

In **English**, the children will be developing their sentence writing through descriptive sentences. They will continue to develop their reading skills through daily phonics and reading practise.

Our **Science** this half term focusses on the topic of the weather and we will explore how the weather and day length varies across the seasons.

In **History**, we will study Captain James Cook and his connection to our area.

RE this term will learn about the Muslim religion and Muslim beliefs.

Our **DT** this term is focussing on textiles. We will be designing and making a product and exploring different materials and joining techniques.

HALF TERM DATES
This is such a busy half term, with both curriculum events and Christmas events too!
Please see the back of this newsletter for all dates for this half term. More detail for each event will follow closer to the time of each event. We look forward to sharing these with you over the coming weeks!





ATTENDANCE
Thank you to you all for your commitment to our school attendance last half term. Whole school statutory attendance for Autumn 1 was 95.2%. Our target is always 96% and we were nearly there. Let's try and make it by the end of term!
Our classes attendances were:
Mrs Hutchinson: 98%
Miss Wild: 98%
Miss Sheard: 97%
We aim for 96% every week so this is fantastic that all classes are over this. Well done!

Outdoor Learning and Play (OPAL)

As you are aware, we have introduced OPAL play at school. This initiative is having a fantastic impact on our children's outside offer and we are determined to keep this going as much as possible in the winter months.

Even when it is wet, we will try and get outside as much as possible. Please ensure that your child has a suitable, waterproof warm coat with them over the colder months. They can also bring wellies and tracksuit bottoms with them to change into so they can enjoy the outdoor play without worrying about getting school uniform dirty and wet. We have had many pairs of wellies donated to school, so children will be able to borrow them too. Please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff for more details if you would like.



