



ANN EDWARDS CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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"Learning and achieving in a caring community."

Do to others what you would want them to do to you- Matthew 7:12

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EYFS/KS1 Autumn Term 12021

One Giant Leap

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! What a super first week we have had being back at school and enjoying the freedoms of being able to all be together. It was lovely to see so many of you at our Meet the Teacher sessions last week.

Our topic this term is '**One Giant Leap**' and is a History and PSHE focus. We have certainly taking our first giant leap, be it starting in a new year group or starting school for the first time. Lots of our PSHE will be focussing on making friendships, social skills, how to cope with new experiences and building resilience. Our History focus will be looking at the lives of significant individuals and events such as the Moon Landing and Neil Armstrong and the first female in space Valentina Tereshkova. In Science, we will be learning about materials and their properties through lots of investigation.

P.E. days-

Friday for EYFS &Y1 and Y2

Alternate **Tuesdays** for Y2 starting 21st September due to Forest School

We will be focussing on Gym and learning how to create different body shapes. Please ensure that your child comes to school on these days dressed in the appropriate PE kit. This is black shorts/joggers, a yellow t-shirt and a black jumper or hoody and trainers. Please discourage children from wearing bright exercise leggings.

Forest School

EYFS and Y1 will be having Forest School with Mrs Horne on a two week cycle between Apple and Bay Class. Apple class have their first session on the **16th September**. Please come dressed ready for Forest School in outdoor clothing, arms and legs should be covered, bringing wellies and waterproofs to change into. Please look at Class Dojo for reminders about when it is your child's turn.

Y2 will have Forest School with Miss Lund alternating with a PE on a Tuesday. Our first session for Forest School is the **14th September**.

Reading Books

Please hear your child read **every day** and encourage them to read other books too. We will regularly check reading records to see if your child has achieved a reading prize so please have them in school **every day**. We have guided reading sessions as well as individual reading during the week. This term we will be encouraging the children to achieve their first award for 25 reads. Please talk to your child about what they have read; they are always welcome to bring in books they enjoy to share with the class. They also have the opportunity to get a book from the school library every week but need to return their book before being allowed another one.

Spellings Y1 and Y2

We will be sending out spellings to learn in the next couple of weeks.

Lexia Y1 and Y2

We invested in Lexia® Core5® Reading last year – a fun, computer-based program that helps students to improve their literacy skills. The activities in Core5 support and build on your child's classroom curriculum and focus on developing reading skills in six areas: phonological awareness, phonics, structural analysis, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Using the login provided last year or if new to Ann Edwards it will be sent out, log on to 'Lexia' and enjoy playing the games.

Phonics Bug – EYFS

Phonics Bug is an online reading library that will help support your child's phonic and reading development. You will be shortly sent a login for your child to be able to access this service.

Lunchboxes – As part of our Healthy Schools Award, we strive to equip pupils, staff and families with the skills and attitudes to make informed decisions about their physical, social, emotional and mental health. With this in mind, we would like to promote the DfE and Public Health's campaign for Healthier Lunchboxes. Don't panic, this doesn't mean getting rid of the chocolate and treats but rather trying to get a balance and a good variety of foods over a period of time. The Healthier Lunchboxes campaign encourages parents and pupils to include something from each of the eatwell food groups in their lunch box but please no oranges or nuts, nut or chocolate based spreads due to allergies in school.

- A good portion of starchy food, for example wholemeal roll or bread, wraps, pitta pocket, pasta or rice salad.



- Plenty of fruit and vegetables, for example an apple, handful of cherry tomatoes or carrot sticks, mini-can of fruit chunks in natural juice or a small box of raisins.
- A drink of semi-skimmed milk or a portion of dairy food, for example individual cheese portion or pot of yogurt.
- A portion of lean meat, fish, eggs or beans, for example ham, chicken, beef, tuna, egg or hummus.
- A drink, for example unsweetened fruit juice, semi-skimmed milk or water.
- A small treat, not too high in fat or sugar.

We really appreciate your support in this area.

Fruit and Milk

Free fruit for snack time is provided by the NHS fruit scheme for all children in EYFS and KS1. Milk is free to children under 5 or if you are in receipt of Free School meals. If you would like your child to have milk in school, then please contact the Admin staff to find out how to set up payment.

Please feel free to speak to us should you have a query or would like to find out more about the activities we are planning. Class Dojo will be used to send out reminders and share photos of the lovely work we are doing so please check it regularly. You can also use it if needed to send a quick message to class teachers but be aware this will not be checked during teaching time. If you need to send something more official, then please email us.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Ward, Mrs Connelly, Mrs Gleeson , Miss Lund KS1 team ☺

