



ANN EDWARDS CHURCH OF ENGLAND
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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

Our special chosen Bible story is the Parable of The Good Samaritan.

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new year at Ann Edwards!

We hope you all had a lovely and relaxing summer holiday and are looking forward to an exciting year with lots of lovely learning. Firstly, we wanted to say thank you for your support and cooperation with the children's smooth transition back into school.

We have a busy term upon us, our new topic is called 'Helpful Heroes' and we will be focussing on History. In Literacy we will be looking at writing letters, diaries and some non-fiction as the term progresses. In Maths, we will focus on number sequences, number facts, counting and place value. Our Science will be identifying and investigating materials. In history, we will be learning about the Great Fire of London! We will be looking at where London is and how it has changed as well as exploring chronology and we will be finding out about Samuel Pepys. In PSHE, our topic is called 'Make Me A Superhero' which focuses on resilience.



ClassDojo

We will also be posting important messages on ClassDojo please continue to check the class pages daily as well as the school story. Please be aware that teachers do not have time to check parent messages during the day so any important messages such as ones regarding pick up/drop off need to be through the school office.

Tuesday afternoons

KS1 classes will be taught by Mrs Partridge (PSHE/Music) and Mr Moore (RE) whilst the teaching team have planning time.



PE and Forest School

Beech Class will have forest school with Miss Lund every Monday afternoon until half term and it will be Bay Class' turn after. The children will need to come to school in appropriate clothes on that day. Beech class will have PE on Fridays.

Bay Class will have PE on Mondays and Fridays. We will be doing gymnastics in the hall so please ensure that children come to school in black PE shorts/tracksuit trousers, yellow t-shirt and trainers or daps. **Please ensure all items of clothing are named**, including shoes. Also, if your child has their ears pierced and cannot remove them independently for PE then they need to have plastic safety backs on them.

Phonics

Year 1 will sit the Phonics Screening Check in the summer term together any year 2 children who need to retake it. We will be sending home phonics activities during the term for you to practise at home with them. We have invested in a new phonics scheme called Essential Letters and Sounds for this year which is very exciting! We have also bought a whole new set of books linked to the phonics phases so please ensure these books are well looked after ☺ Miss Ward will be running a parent workshop about phonics in the autumn term.

Reading Books

Pupils who regularly read at home and school make considerably more progress in reading and this also has a significant impact on their writing skills and overall vocabulary. Please support the school by hearing your child read each night or a minimum of four evenings a week to enable them to share books and achieve their reading certificates. We have guided reading sessions as well as individual reading during the week. This term we will be encouraging the children to achieve their award for **25 reads**.

Year 1 - The children will be given one new book a week that is matched to their phonic level which means it is fully decodable to them. The book will contain sounds that they are learning that week within their phonics lesson. Alongside this, they will receive 1 book that they have chosen to read that is phonetically decodable but they may need some help with the trickier words and they will also be allocated online books on Oxford Owl. We will be putting their log in details in their yellow reading diary. They will also get to choose a library book for you to read with them per week, they can change these books on a Friday. Online books count as a read so please record them in their reading diary as normal.

Year 2 – The children will continue with our old scheme of books and receive ones that are matched to their reading comprehension and decoding level. They will also receive a library book that they will be able to change on a Wednesday.



Spellings

Bay Class and Beech class will have spellings given out on a Monday and they will be tested on a Friday. We will be testing in the same format as last year so please ensure you are practising the words with your children as often as possible. The spellings will be linked to your child's phonic phase we have assessed them to be in.

Class Bears

Our class bears will be returning for another year! Bertie will be going home with children from Bay class and Barnaby will go home with children from Beech Class. More information about this will be on Classdojo.



Reminders

- Children need a named water bottle in school daily and do not put them in book bags as they can leak and ruin books.
- Children do not need to bring in snacks because we have fruit in school. If they would like to bring in some fruit then that is suitable, please remember we are a **no citrus** school due to a member of our community having a serious allergy.
- Children need to bring in named coats and jumpers as the weather gets chillier. This is to prepare for if the weather changes during the day!
- Children should bring in a bag that is big enough to fit their books in. This could be a backpack or a book bag.
- Children will also need a pair of named wellingtons in school so that they can go onto the field when it is wet.

A reminder that there is a Meet the Teacher Meeting on Thursday 14th September in your child's class at 3:05 and 3:20.

Please feel free to speak to us at any time should you have a query or would like to find out more about the activities we are planning.

Yours sincerely

Miss Ward, Miss Lund and Mrs Gleeson ☺