



Autumn Term 2020

Welcome Back!

We hope that you all had a lovely Summer break and are ready for the term ahead. It has been a strange six months and for our year 1 children, they are returning to a new Key Stage, when they haven't yet completed their reception year! We have worked hard to secure a smooth transition into key stage one, whilst letting the children finish off some of their reception time. This has been successful and we now have all of our year 1 children in their classrooms everyday.

Topic- How can I be a good historian?

We will be looking at famous events (including local and national ones) such as the development of transport, WW 1 and WW 2 (remembrance) and the Great Fire of London.

We had a great Great Fire of London experience day last week. The children enjoyed some really immersive learning, as well as dressing up.

Science

The children will use practical ways to explore 'materials and their properties'. This will involve them:

- identifying and comparing the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses
- finding out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

Reading

Sharing a book is priceless when children are young. Lots can be learnt by reading together and your child hearing you read, whilst they follow the words. Reading should be fun! Children should be reading at home at least five times each week. Research and experience shows that this has a very big positive impact on all areas of learning. We are continuing to run our weekly Really Good Reading Raffle, for those children that do read at least five times a week and this is shown in their reading diaries.

Reading books

Children in year 1 will bring home three books each week. One will be linked solely to the phase they are learning in phonics, one will have a colour band, which will be more challenging and have lots of their 'tricky words' and one will be for you to share with your child for pleasure.

Thank you for supporting your children with this important part of their learning.

With best wishes for a successful term, The Lower School Team.

Other useful reminders

Please ensure that your child always has the following items in school:

- Coat (**named**)
- Water bottle (**named**)
- Full PE kit including plimsolls and an outdoor kit including trainers (**named**)
- Book bag or similar with reading book, reading diary and homework folder.

Dates for your diary

Individual school photos- 12th October

Parent Consultations- 21st and 22nd October

Inset day- 2nd November

Half term holiday week beginning 26th October

Last day of Autumn term- 18th December

Inset day- 4th January

First day of Spring term- 5th January

Remember that lots of useful information can be found on our website:

<http://www.st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/>

Our Calendar

http://www.st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/calendar/action~month/exact_date~1567292400/request_format~html/

Our Newsletters

<http://www.st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/newsletter/>

Our Curriculum

<http://www.st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/our-children/>

Our Safeguarding

<http://www.st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/safeguarding/>



'Love one another as I have loved you' (John 15:12).