



# S I N G L E T O N



CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Class One,

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I hope you all had a lovely Summer break and are ready for a new year and a new start.

Our intention is to make this Autumn Term an exciting one, full of learning for you whilst keeping everyone safe. Please can we also ask that children in KS1 only bring in their book bag into school each day. Our cloakroom is only small, and we are conscious winter coats will soon be a priority for this space.

**PE day is on a Monday.** Children **do not need** to bring their PE bag into school, they should come into school on Monday's ready.

The PE kit includes:

- A Singleton PE white t-shirt or a polo white t-shirt
- Singleton school jumper/cardigan
- Red shorts (in winter these can be replaced by **black** joggers / leggings)
- Trainers or pumps
- All earrings must be taken out before the PE day. Children must not wear earrings for PE. If the child cannot remove the earrings, they will be exempt from that lesson.

## **School Timetable:**

The school timetable will be packed full of wonderful, enriched opportunities to learn and we look forward to lots of fun ahead. We are teaching a full timetable this year, with lots of exciting topics and chances to engage and learn new skills to ensure that we have a broad and balanced curriculum.

## **Literacy:**

This term, we will be using an exciting new scheme in English in which we are teaching through a text. The children will have an opportunity to explore narrative settings through the story 'Cave Baby', by Julia Donaldson and Emily Gravett. We will also be exploring labels, captions and informal letters. We then move on to adventure stories, writing letters, diaries, sequels, persuasive letters and non-chronological reports using the 'Naughty Bus', by Jan Oke and Jerry Oke. Other books we will use over the term include: -

- The journey home
- We are water protectors
- Astro Girl
- Toys in space

Spelling lists will be given out each Friday (starting Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September) and tested the following week.

## **Phonics:**

Phonics, as always, will be a huge focus and again we are using another new scheme. We will be using lots of different games and activities to make the children's learning as fun and engaging as possible. We are looking forward to using all our lovely new resources which will support and meet every learning style. Please can you

ensure that your child reads every night as this will very much support in their phonetical development, fluency, comprehension and writing.

**Numeracy:**

In Numeracy children will be working towards securing and applying skills and applying their knowledge to mental maths and challenges in the following areas.

**Autumn 1**

- Place Value 1
- Place Value 2
- Money
- Understand the operation of + -
- Measures & time

**Autumn 2**

- Properties of number
- Ordering / + -
- $\times \div$
- Money
- Shape

I would encourage all Year Two children (and Year One children if you feel they are ready) to practise their times tables daily.

**Science:**

Our initial topic will be the seasons (and we will return to this each term to compare the changes). We will then move into studying materials and their properties

**Topic:**

In Geography, we will be looking at our local area looking at weather patterns, physical and human features this will also include map work.

In History we will be looking at family history recognising the distinction between past and present and identifying some similarities and differences. We will also be developing an understanding of chronology.

**RE:**

In RE, we will be looking at the Bible and why it's a special book followed by God and the creation and then after half term Christmas. Reflecting on why we give and receive gifts.

**PHSE:** We will be following the Coram Education Scheme in PHSE and looking at Me and My relationships, exploring our feelings and friendships. After half term we will be looking at valuing differences thinking about how we make others feel alongside British Values.

**Computing:** We will be learning through Purple Mash platform and Project Evolve. Our first topic is online safety, and how we can use the internet to communicate safely. We will also be developing an understanding of how to effectively and safely search the internet

**Fantastic Friday :** Art will be taught in class and the children will look at Sculpture and 3D. After half term they will explore DT, looking at Food and Vegetables.

**Music** – we will be exploring music within the context of the Nativity, The children will be focusing on Performance, pitch, listening, dynamics and tempo

## PE

In the autumn term the focus will be on basic skills which will include: - throwing, bouncing, rolling, kicking and catching balls. After half term the children will explore dance and movement

### Important information:

- Book changing day is **MONDAY**. Your child will be allocated **x 2 books** per week. One of these will be a choice book and one from our reading scheme.
- Homework- see grid below:



Class	Maximum Time per day spent on homework	Daily homework	Weekly tasks (Please note with IDL and tables you don't have to do it all in one go – you can spread out over the week.)		Homework Given out	Homework due in	Other
One (Year 1/2)	20 – 25 mins. per night	10 mins reading each night.  5 mins times tables per day (Timetables Rock Stars) Year Two only (but Year one are welcome to participate in this too)	My Maths	15 mins	Set on Friday	Friday	Throughout the year the children will also have:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Talk' for writing homework when relevant</li> </ul> Books will be changed on <b>Mondays</b>  <b>Spellings sent home each week with a spelling quiz on a Friday</b>
			TT Rock Stars (Year Two's)	10 mins			
			IDL	15 mins	Progressive scheme so all children at different points (complete 15 mins per week)		
			Literacy  (SPAG.com or 'Talk' homework)	15 mins	Set on Friday		

### Home projects

Further information and dates on our home projects. Dates for this will follow over the next few weeks.

### Homework:

Homework is a vital element of the children's continued learning from school- in consolidating and practicing what is being taught in the classroom. We really need you to support us with this, as that partnership with you is vital in order to be consistent and united in our expectations. Therefore, we ask you to encourage your children to undertake and complete homework tasks in order to promote:

- Good attitude to work
- Self-esteem and a sense of achievement
- Improved standards of performance

We value the support you give to your children through discussion of their homework and would especially ask you to ensure that your child has the time and environment in which to work undisturbed. We ask that you ensure that your child completes their homework each week.

We continue to operate an open-door policy, please feel free to contact me on drop off and pick up each day for any immediate concerns and queries.

Many Thanks

Mr Hogg