

# Welcome to Key Stage 1

## What we are learning



During this half term we will be learning all about Our family history. We will be learning ...

- **as historians** to find similarities between the past and present.
- **as writers** we will be writing a short time travelling story as well as recounting an event from the past.
- **as scientists** we will explore the structure of a variety of animals including humans and identifying their classification groups.
- **as mathematicians** to explore numbers in a variety of different ways.
- **as design technologists** to experiment with a variety of pattern, line and shape to create drawing.
- **as a religious expert** to explore how Christians look after the world.
- **as athletes** to develop our co-ordination through catching and throwing.

## Homework

Research has shown that giving children ownership of their homework and allowing learning to take place through creative ways produces more memorable and higher quality outcomes. Therefore homework in Key Stage 1 this year will be set through a homework menu. Children will be required to pick one task a week to complete as part of their weekly homework, alongside their daily reading and practice of their every day words. Each of these activities have either a math's or literacy link. More information to follow on this.

## Mystery Reader

Each Wednesday at 3 o'clock we look forward to our 'mystery readers for the time being' this will be virtual, via video. If you, or any other members of your family, would like to be a mystery reader, send a video of your read to your child's class teacher. Your child will be SO excited that you participated, but remember to keep it "top secret" until your big day arrives!

## Meet the team

**Miss Clark** – Hi I am the Year 2 class teacher this year. I have previously taught in Norfolk for 4 years and have recently moved to Suffolk. I love dogs and I hope to have one of my own soon. I also love baking, going for long walks and spending time with my friends and family.

**Mrs Patterson** – Hi I am a TA working in Year 2 this year. I love horses and have my own horse Betty who I love to ride. I also love walking my dog at the beach!

**Mr Stent** - Hi! I'm a TA working in Year 2 this year and teaching PE across the school. I love all things sport especially cricket and rugby. I also have two dogs who I love spending time with.

**Miss Grimmer** – Hi I'm the Year 1 class teacher for this year. I am new to teaching and I am looking forward to starting my NQT year at Westwood. I love Liverpool FC and my two dogs who are called Holly and Molly. I am looking forward to getting to know you all this year.

**Miss Bow** - Hi I'm the TA in Year 1 this year. I love walking to the beach and dipping my toes in the sea. I love the school chickens. I also love singing and sing with the local choir.

**Mrs Lark** – Hi I am leading the Pod this year. I have worked at Westwood for 2 years. I love spending time with my 2 children, going for long walks and spending time with my friends. I am looking forward to getting to know the Pod this year.

**Miss Goldspink** - Hi I am a TA in the Pod this year. I love baking delicious cakes and treats. I also work for the Scouts and enjoy going on long walks and exploring new places.

**Miss Egan** – Hi I am a TA in the Pod this year. I have previously worked in a Autism specialism school for 3 years and look forward to getting to know the Pod. I am a huge bookworm and I love to read. I also love cooking.

## PE days

Children will be taking part in one outdoor PE session this half term and one Woodland School session. Please ensure PE kits are in school so that your child can fully participate. A reminder that PE kits should contain a white t-shirt, black shorts, plimsolls and/or trainers. For outdoor sessions particularly during the winter children may also like to bring black tracksuit bottoms and a black sweatshirt. Please name all items of clothing to avoid any mix ups and items going missing. Any earrings will need to be removed on these days or covered with tape.

For Woodland School children will need to bring a pair of welly boots, spare pair of trousers or wet weather gear. Please ensure all Woodland School clothes (including welly boots) are named.

## Routines

Please ensure that children come to school each day with their named water bottle, book bag, reading book and reading record books.

Later this year, each class have a weekly library slot where they will be choosing a book to borrow. Each week, the books will be changed so please ensure that your child has their book with them ready to bring back on their library day. (Please see timetable)



If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to firstly chat to your child's class teacher at the beginning or end of the school day so that we can support with these. Alternatively, contact the office to make an appointment to meet at an alternative time. If you require any further support please contact Mrs Barnes, Key Stage 1 leader, who will be happy to assist you with any queries you have. We look forward to working alongside you this year to support your child's education this year.