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# Ruskin Junior School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the start of another action-packed and exciting school year at Ruskin Juniors. The children have settled in brilliantly and we're looking forward to a feast of learning and fun! This month's newsletter feels decidedly light by our usual standards but hopefully it will provide you with all the information you might need for the forthcoming term. You should also have received a letter which maps out key dates for the whole school year and the website calendar is being updated as I type. Furthermore, the Friends will be in touch very shortly regarding events that they have planned for the year ahead.

Here's to another great year of learning at Ruskin Junior School: see you at the gate!

Mr Beadnell

*"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."*

*Benjamin Franklin*



## Dates for Term 1:

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

Roald Dahl Day

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

National Poetry Day and individual photos

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

MacMillan coffee morning

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

Parents' Evenings

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

Mary Anning Class Assembly

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Last day of term (finish at 3:10)

*Term 1's Value:*  
**Kindness**



# New Curriculum Maps Live

After completing the first year of the school's 'Big Idea' curriculum, we're keen to hit the ground running and the new Big Ideas for this term are now live on the [school website](#). Teachers have been working hard in finding the most effective and exciting ways to learn and these curriculum maps will give you an indicator of what each year group will be learning this term.

The graphic features a central image of a farm with cows in a field under a blue sky. Overlaid on this image are several blue boxes containing curriculum topics for Year 3. The title 'Year 3 From Farm to Fork' is prominently displayed in the center.

- History**
  - How is farming different through history?
  - How has technology changed farming throughout history?
- Maths**
  - Place Value
  - Addition
  - Subtraction
  - Multiplication
  - Division
  - Measures
  - Fractions
  - Statistics
- RE**
  - Christianity – What does it mean to be a Christian?
  - Hinduism – what does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?
  - Harvest
- PE**
  - Multiskills
  - Netball
  - Tag Rugby
- Visit**
  - Cotswold Farm Park
  - Tesco
- Class Assembly**
  - Harvest Time
- Geography**
  - Where does our food come from?
  - Fairtrade
- PSHE - Jigsaw**
  - Being me in my world
- Science**
  - Plants
  - Animals including humans
- Computing**
  - Logging in and saving work
  - Revelation natural art
- Art and DT**
  - Four Season Art
  - Landscapes with focus on the artist Constable
- Reading**
  - What the ladybird heard
  - Non Fiction
- Writing**
  - Instructions
  - Persuasion

## Uniform Reminder

It is fantastic to see our children so well dressed and prepared for the new school year. We really appreciate your support here: such factors are important in our continuous and ongoing efforts to raise standards in all aspects of the school's provision. This is something we will be looking to maintain over the course of the year so please be aware that should your child's clothing or footwear not adhere to the school's policy, a text will be sent home to notify you. [Details of the school's uniform policy can be found on the school website under the Our School tab.](#)

## Homework Policy

As we mentioned last year, the school's homework policy has been under review and we will be contacting you very shortly regarding the changes in policy and expectations.