

## Routines and Reminders

- Remember, the school day starts at 8.50 and children will be brought in promptly from the yard.

- PE days are as follows:

Y1 indoor—Tuesday

Y2 indoor—Monday

All classes outdoor—Thursday

- All children need a PE kit that should include white t-shirt, navy or black shorts, pumps, leggings or jogging bottoms and jumper for outside in winter. **All clothes** and bags should be named.
- All children are part of a reading group who read with a teacher at least twice a week, as well as one-to-one reading at other times.
- Children will be responsible for changing their own reading books and will have the opportunity to do so once a day. Please check in their book bag and remind them to change it if needed.
- We are in the process of refurbishing and updating the school library. We will let you know more about this when the work is completed.
- Children all have access to their own cups for water in the classroom.

As part of our Science work, we will be going on seasonal walks in the local area to look at the plants, animals and weather we can observe. We will let you know the dates of these in due course.

We are hoping to run a trip later on in the term to link with our topic work — more information to follow.



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### Welcome back to Castle Hill...

We hope this newsletter finds you all well and you have had a happy and safe summer break! Everyone has settled really well into the routines of their new class.

Just as a reminder, the Key Stage 1 members of staff are:

1C — Mrs Cook (Teacher, KS Leader), Debbie Clarke (TA), Mrs Tina Coates (TA), Lindsay/Diane (Support Assistants)



1/2L — Mrs Laycock (Teacher, Deputy Head), Mrs Hullett (HLTA), Mrs Swales (Teacher)



2LS — Miss Smith (Teacher), Mrs Wynn (TA), Sam/Clare (Support Assistants)



The children will also be taught by Mrs Bardsley (PSHCE), Mrs Swales (RE) and Mrs Hullett (Music) as part of the PPA afternoon on Wednesdays. Mrs Golden and Mrs Parker will also be covering leadership and management times.

## Curriculum News

### *This term we are learning...*

**English** - Y1—Poetry (Pattern and Rhyme), Fairy Tales, Stories with predictable patterned language, Familiar settings, Traditional tales, Invitations, Instructions.

Y2—Poetry (Pattern and Rhyme), Fairy Tales, Non-chronological reports, Familiar settings, Information texts, Instructions, Invitations.

Also, guided reading, phonics, spelling and handwriting practice will take place in other sessions.

**Maths** - Counting, Place value, Addition and subtraction, Multiplication and division, Time, Measures including money, and Shape.

Problem solving activities will run throughout these themes.

**Science** - Y1 — Exploring Seasonal Changes

Y2 — Living Things and their Habitats.

**Topic** - “Our Town, Our Country” - important people in Todmorden’s past and their impact on the area

- our place within the country and the wider world.

**Computing** - Y1 — basic computing skills

Y2 — building new skills, simple programming .

**PSHCE and RE** - Castle Hill teaches RE according to the Calderdale Agreed Syllabus for non-denominational schools. This means that in RE children will be taught stories from a range of religions, but the main focus for teaching is in line with the broadly Christian values outlined in the syllabus. PSHCE will be delivered through targeted THRIVE sessions, as well as through assemblies and class times.

## How can you help at home?

- Spelling lists will be sent out every week, and some children will also bring home a sound book, to inform you of our current phonics learning.
- Maths homework linked to that week’s learning will be sent home regularly due in the following week, e.g. given Friday, returned the following Friday.
- Learning log work linked to topic will be sent out twice a term with clear instructions. This is a great chance to explore our topic and be creative.
- As well as the above, please remember the importance of daily reading—aim for 15 minutes a day. Reading records should be brought in to school every day where they will be checked regularly by staff.
- We have added a marking key to reading records to make recording reading quicker and easier – the important thing really is reading every day!