

Hello and Welcome to the Autumn term 2021

We are delighted to welcome you all back to school after a challenging year and are looking forward to getting to know you all throughout the next academic year. We have an exciting term ahead with a stimulating and creative curriculum planned.

Update on the Curriculum

We started our term with our whole school text –the 'Colour Monster' written by Anna Llenas. In class, the children have begun to explore and their feelings and emotions. We have read the book and have been thinking all about our world and who is in it. This has helped us to think about friendships and working together as a class.

In **Literacy**, we are deepening our understanding of a text by using the same book for both Reading and Writing lessons. This allows us to fully explore the language used in the book, enriching our vocabulary and developing our understanding of story structure. We will use a range of fiction and non-fiction books, starting off with Billy and the Beast!

In **Maths**, we are consolidating our understanding of number and place value this term by securing our knowledge of numbers from 10-100. We will also be developing our addition and subtraction skills with numbers to 20 and applying our number facts using numbers up to 10.

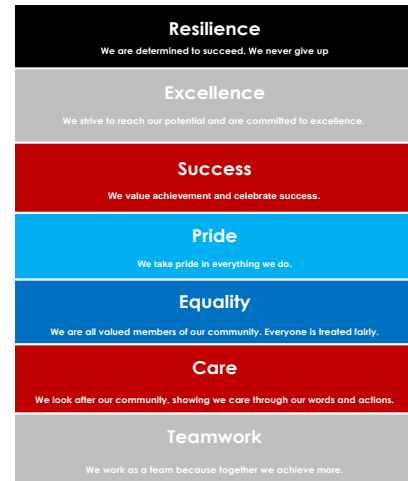
During **Science** lessons, we will be focusing on living things, discussing how we know if something is alive and sorting objects into things that are alive, dead and never alive. We will also develop this further by looking at the life cycles of plants, humans and other animals.

For **Humanities**, we will be learning significant events in our own locality by focusing on The Great Plague. We will explore why it had this name and how it affected the people who lived there.

In **PE**, we will be developing our hitting, running and catching skills in Outdoor PE, whilst developing our creative dance skills in Indoor PE.

Our Core Values

At Paxton, our Core Values weave a thread across all aspects of school life. They are displayed in every classroom and provide the children and staff with a common language which binds us together and creates articulate, confident leaders of tomorrow.



Work, Rest and Play

- Arrive on time and have a good night's sleep
- Please arrive in your P.E kit on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**
- **Please always bring a labelled water bottle**
- Reading books/ records must be brought in to school everyday.

Homework Expectations

Reading

Children should read at home every night and sign their reading records to confirm that they have. Please ask your child questions about what they are reading and encourage them to talk about their books to improve their understanding and comprehension skills. Children should also complete the vocabulary challenges that are found in the homework book, embedding what has been covered that week. Please continue to practice your number skills using the NumBots website or app.

KS1 Homework Workshop: Wednesday 29th 8:45 – 9:15 This will be to discuss homework and an opportunity to answer any questions you may have.

Children are asked to bring a bottle of water into their classroom to remain hydrated during lesson

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics
Maths	Music	Maths	Maths	Maths
English	Maths	English	English	English
Science	English	Humanities	Art	PSHE
Reading	PE	PE	Computing	RE