

Hello and Welcome to the Autumn term

Welcome to Year 1. 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

'Here We Are'

We started our term with our whole school text – Here We Are by Oliver Jeffers. 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.

Reading

Children should continue to read at home every night and sign their reading records to confirm that they have done so. Please ask your child questions about what they are reading and encourage them to talk about their books to make sure they are improving their understanding and comprehension skills.

In **Literacy**, we will begin with the story 'Cave Baby' by Julia Donaldson where we will learn to add labels and captions. We will also introduce the use of adjectives when describing characters. We will then move onto 'Naughty bus' by Jan and Jerry Oke. We will then move on to writing lists, simple sentences and begin to work towards writing simple stories and information texts.

In **Maths** the children will recap the objectives from the previous year to ensure any missed learning is secure. Children will hone their skills in Place Value; the children will be learning a variety of new vocabulary. As well as, counting accurately, ordering numbers, finding the total and comparing objects.

During **Science** lessons, we will be learning about ourselves, classifying features and identifying what body part we use with each senses.

For **Humanities**, we will be focusing on the Royal family. Being able to identify if a source is from the past or present.

Our Core Values

At Paxton, our eight Core Values weave a thread across all aspects of school life and provide us with a common language which binds us together and creates articulate, confident leaders of tomorrow.

Resilience – we are determined to succeed. We never give up.

Excellence – we strive to reach our potential and are committed to excellence.

Success – we value achievement and celebrate success

Pride – we take pride in everything we do.

Equality – we are all valued members of our community. Everyone is treated fairly.

Care – we look after our community, showing we care through our words and actions

Teamwork – we work as a team because together we achieve more.

Work, Rest and Play

- Arrive on time and have a good night's sleep
- Please arrive in your P.E kit (we cannot change in the classrooms) **on** Mondays and Wednesday.
- **Please always bring a labelled water bottle**
- Reading books/ records must be brought in everyday.

The move

On **Wednesday 30th September, Thursday 1st October and Friday 2nd October, Paxton will be closed to children**, as the staff move to Paxton, London Road.

Please note: Children in Year 1 will enter their classroom through the side gate inside the main entrance on London Road

Change to the INSET Day

The Inset day which was planned for Friday 23rd October has moved to **Friday 30th April 2021**.

Half-term: Monday 26th – Friday 30th October.

Please remember to send your child into school with a labelled bottle of water to keep them hydrated during lessons

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
English	English	English	English	English
RE	Handwriting	PSHE	Spellings	Art
PE	Science	PE	History	Hand writing