

Hello and Welcome to the Autumn term 1

Welcome to Year 2 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.

Our **Maths** lessons will focus on Addition and Subtraction. The children will be solving problems with addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently, and originate and use related facts up to 100.

In **Science** the children will be learning about Living Things. We will be comparing the differences between things that are living, dead and have never been alive. The children will be able to explain how life processes can tell us if something is living, dead or has never been alive.

In **Geography**, we will be focusing on the geographical features of our school and local area and use aerial photographs, plans and maps to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features.

RE: This term we will be exploring Judaism and understand why, when and how Jewish people celebrate Shabbat. We will share why, when and how our families takes part in special religious practices and what they mean to us and other members of our families.

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 Tuesdays and Thursday.**
- **Please always bring a labelled water bottle**
- Reading books/ records must be brought into school **daily.**

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 2 will enter their classroom though 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
Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Reading	Reading
Maths	Maths	Music	Maths	Maths
English	English	Maths	English	English
Reading / Spelling/ Handwriting	Reading/ spelling / Handwriting	English	Reading/ spelling / Handwriting	Reading/ spelling / Handwriting
Science / Story Time	PE / Spanish / Story Time	Geography/Story Time	PE/ RE / Story Time	PSHE / Story Time