



Tudor Grange Samworth Academy Primary Newsletter

Half Term 1 | Date: October 2020

Head's News

We would like to thank our parents and pupils for supporting us to settling in to this new term. It has been a strange start to the year post lockdown and beginning the new academic year with COVID risk assessments and procedures. However, as we have worked together the children have settled in to school extremely well. The children have shown us great resilience and positivity and we are all glad to be back at school. Thank you for your continued support to ensure we continue to work collaboratively to see all our children flourish.

- Mrs A Collins



Staffing News & Update

Goodbyes

We have said goodbye to two members of staff this term, Miss Curtis and Mr Webster. We would like to wish them well in their future.

Welcome

We would like to welcome back Ms Warren, who will return to us from her maternity leave.

Hellos

We would like to congratulate Mrs Godfrey on the birth of her new daughter Noemi.



Autumn Term Key Dates

Monday 26th October

- Half Term 2 Begins – School Opens

Monday 2nd November

- Parent Survey Opens

Week beginning Monday 9th November

- Virtual Parent Evenings

Friday 13th November

- Parent Survey Closes

Wednesday 2nd December

- NHS Flu Vaccinations (Reception to Year 7)

Thursday 17th December

- Christmas Craft Afternoon

Friday 18th December

- Last Day of Term
- Class Christmas Party



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For regular updates

Uniform

As the weather is starting to get colder and wetter, please ensure your child has a coat in school. It is great to see nearly all our children in our full school uniform, however there are a few forgetting ties. Please can you ensure that your child is in full school uniform.

Early Start: Foundation Stage 1 & 2

- White polo shirt
- TGSA green jumper with white shield logo
- Grey skirt or trousers
- Plain dark socks or grey tights
- Smart black shoes



Year 1 – 6

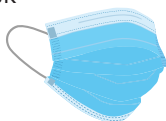
- White cotton shirt
- TGSA blazer with white shield
- TGSA Tie
- Grey v-neck jumper
- Grey skirt or trousers
- Plain dark socks or grey tights
- Smart black shoes



- No jewellery or earrings (can wear a watch)
- No extreme hairstyles (long hair must be tied back)
- No large hair bows (can wear simple school coloured hair accessories)

Arrival & Collection

Please remember to wear your mask when dropping off and collecting your children and use the one way system in place. It is important we all work together to keep each other safe.



Arrival gate: opens at 8.40am & closes at 9.00am.

Collection:

- **Green & Blue** Groups – 2.40pm collection.
- **Red & Yellow** Groups – 2.50pm collection.

Childcare Before & After School



EARLY BIRD BREAKFAST CLUB

7.30am – 8.40am
£2.00 per session (£10.00 per week)

TEA TIME TUDORS AFTERSCHOOL CHILDCARE

3.00pm – 5.30pm
£6.00 per session (£30.00 per week)



**All payments must be made on Parent Pay.
Please ask main reception for more information.**

Collective Worship

This term for our Collective Worship, we have been getting used to watching 'virtual' assemblies in classrooms rather than meeting together in the hall. The pupils have enjoyed learning about key biblical themes as we have investigated the story of the Old Testament and how it links to Jesus in the New Testament. Many staff have helped to produce these sessions on a weekly basis with Mr Farr (Year 3) kindly doing all the technical video editing.

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2

- Monday 26th October – Friday 18th December 2020

Spring Term 1

- Tuesday 5th January – Friday 12th February 2021
(Monday 5th January – Teacher Training INSET Day)
(Monday 1st February – Teacher Training INSET Day)

Spring Term 2

- Monday 22nd February – Friday 26th March 2021

Summer Term 1

- Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May 2021
(Monday 28th June – Teacher Training INSET Day)

Summer Term 2

- Monday 7th June – Friday 9th July 2021



Phase Leaders News

Reception & KS1 – Mrs Pancholi

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Thank You

Hi all. I would like to say a massive thank you to parents who have been working with us in settling Reception and KS1 pupils back to school. All pupils have had a positive start back even though the circumstances are different.

THANK YOU

What have we been learning?

This term we have been learning about ourselves and how we are similar and different to our friends. The pupils have completed amazing work and have learnt how to work as a team.



PE Kits

Can I remind parents that Year 1 have their PE on Wednesday morning and Year 2 have their PE on Thursday morning. Please be aware that all pupils need to come to school in their PE kits. Please remind your child to bring their coats on PE days as they do go outside on the fields.

Reading

Encourage your child to read at home every day even if they are reading to themselves. Please ask them lots of questions on what they have read as they take AR tests before changing their books.



What will we be learning next term?

Next term we are going to look at 'Why We Are Important?' The children will look at their strengths and talk about how they are important in our community.

Homework

Homework is sent home every Friday and due in the following Wednesday. Again please encourage your child to complete their homework to the best of their ability. The homework will always reflect on the weeks learning.



Phase Leaders News

Lower KS2 (Year 3/4) – Mr Marchant

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What have we been learning?

Years 3 and 4 have settled back into school really well. All children have been working on the topic of 'Who Am I?' and 'Where Do I Fit In?'. We have learnt about ourselves, our feelings and where we come from as well as using R.E. to talk about our choices.

What will we be learning next term?

Our topic continues next half term as we look closely at the geography of our own country and of that in Europe. We will also be investigating where we come from in the past by looking at the Stone Age through to the Roman Age. In year 4, we will be continuing our studies by focussing on Greece and the ancient Greeks.

Reading

All children have been given their new Accelerated Reader levels this half term and we are completing quizzes daily. Please continue to read with your child every night for 10 minutes.



Homework

Homework is set every Friday and is due in the following Wednesday. Please spend time with your child completing the set tasks and ask your child's teacher if any support is required. Children all have access to Times Table Rockstars and Numbots. These apps will help your child develop fluency in times table and number facts which are vital. Please encourage your child to access these excellent resources regularly at home.

Working Wall – Our Year 3 learning journey so far...

WHO AM I?

God Made a promise to Noah.

What is a Covenant?

Why do we Make Promises?

How can we use pencils to create different tones?

These are our helping hands.

creating empathy portraits

planting Seeds of hope.

If you're sad, how can I make you happy?

Detectives on the case!
Where in the World do we live?



Phase Leaders News

Upper KS2 (Year 5/6) – Mrs Milton

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Food & Drink

Please note that pupils are allowed to bring in a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables to eat at break time. Here are some ideas of foods that can be brought in: apples, pears, bananas, grapes, carrot sticks, cherry tomatoes, raisins and dried apricots. Could we request that only water is brought into the classroom and no flavoured water or juice. These tend to be full of sugars, and if spilt in the classroom stain work and leave a sticky residue.



Reading

Reading remains at the heart of our curriculum and is the golden thread which links together everything that we do. We value your support in encouraging your child to read at home as often as possible. It really does make such a difference to their learning!

To this end, the Reading Challenge is now live! Pupils have been given the opportunity to read 5 books within their reading level across the year to earn a certificate and prizes. Take a look at ClassDojo for more information or contact your child's class teacher.

ClassDojo

With these continuing uncertain times, it is really important that you are signed up to ClassDojo so we have a way to contact and support your child should we be forced to go into another lock down. If you have not signed up yet, please contact the school to ask for your child's unique code. ClassDojo is a completely free service. They do have premium options but we do not use these within school and you will not be expected to sign up for them.



With this in mind, have you registered for virtual learning through parent pay? If not, please take a moment to do so. This is also free and will allow us to deliver live lessons should the school be closed. Parents evening this term will also be delivered via a virtual platform so unless you have consented you will not be able to receive an appointment to discuss your child's progress with their teacher.

Have you checked out how many Dojo points your child has? These are the top scorers this half term in Years 5 and 6!



Homework

Pupils are given a piece of maths, English and spelling homework every week to consolidate the work that they have been doing in class. The red homework books are handed out on a Friday and are due back in school on Wednesday. This is so that we have time to mark and prepare next week's work. Thank you for your continuing support in ensuring that your child's homework is completed every week.



Next Half Term's Learning Activities

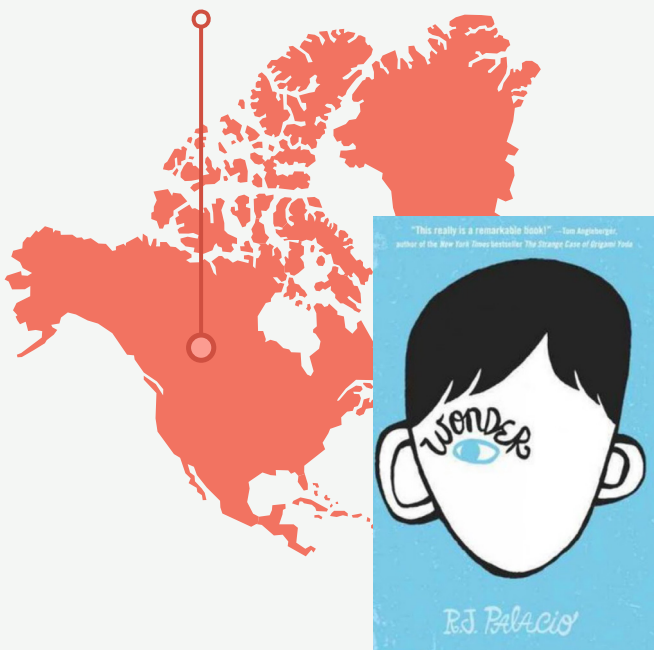
In Year 5 this term we have been enjoying reading *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell and we will continue with this next term looking at creating an Amazon rainforest survival guide.

In maths, next half term, we will be studying statistics, multiplication, division and the perimeter and area of shapes.

In our topic lessons, we will be learning about South America. This will include map skills, art and D&T skills. In our weekly music lessons we will be learning about Classroom Jazz music. All this as well as ICT, Spanish, PSHE and PE every Wednesday afternoon.



NORTH AMERICA



In Year 6 this term we have been reading and enjoying *Wonder* by R J Palacio and we will continue with this next term finishing in time to study the *Night Before Christmas* Poem to get us in the mood for the holidays through some performance poetry!

In maths next half term, we will be learning how to use the four number operations with fractions before moving onto position and direction work just before Christmas.

In our topic lessons, we will be learning all about North America. This work will include map skills, art-work and considering the history of this part of the world. The pupils will also be enjoying weekly music and ICT lessons, PSHE sessions and a Spanish lesson fortnightly as well as their weekly Tuesday PE lesson.