

# Year 1 and 2 Team Leader Newsletter Term 1

## Southcote Primary

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Year 1 and 2 team. We look forward to welcoming you in Term 1 to our new team with new members of staff. As always we have a packed new term ahead of us in September, one that I am sure the children will be excited by.

Term 1's children's spelling and multiplication practise and the optional 'My Maths' (online work) is on the school website. The children are still continuing to enjoy using the 'TT Rockstars' website and we would encourage them to do so at home. There is a new homework grid, for each year group, which will last for terms 1 & 2, available on the school website. We hope the children will have fun completing the work for it. We have set up e mail accounts for any non-book based homework to be sent to. The addresses can be found in the relevant part of the newsletter. Can I inform you that these e mail accounts can **ONLY** be used to send homework to and that they will not be ones where the teacher can reply. If you have any problems with any homework related issues, please see your child's class teacher. As always, we would appreciate it if parents continued to encourage their children to read regularly in addition to the other work set.

In September we will be introducing new, exciting rewards to be given to the children each week in our team assemblies. As a school we will be focusing on adopting a positive growth mindset with everything we face and so we will be selecting those children who have displayed this and rewarding them for it. We will also be focusing on improving the children's Oracy skills which again will be recognised in our team assemblies.

PE kits for indoor and outdoor PE need to be brought in to school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday. Swimming kits need to be in school on the relevant days (see each Year group below). Any medical reasons for your child not participating in PE and swimming need to be written in a note and handed directly to the class teacher, not orally relayed via the child please.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Rhonwen Symons

### Homework

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## Upcoming Events

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET DAY
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Pupils return for Term 1 Meet the teachers 3.15pm (parents invited into classrooms)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Ice lolly sale at the end of school
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am Supporters of Southcote workshop for new parents Ice lolly sale at the end of school
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2 trip to the woods.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Foundation, Y1 & Y2 Muffins for Mums 8.45-9.30am (By invitation only – please see below)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Y2 Bug Day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Foundation, Y1 & Y2 Muffins for Mums 8.45-9.30am (By invitation only – please see below) MacMillan Coffee Morning 9.30am (cake donations welcome) MacMillan Coffee Afternoon (cakes on sale in the dining hall) EcoKidz Textile/Clothing collection Day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parents Evening 3.20pm-6.00pm by appointment
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents Evening 4.30pm – 7.00pm by appointment
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Harvest Festival at St Matthews 9.30am
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Doughnuts for Dads 8.45-9.30am Global harvest/world kitchen
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 Wellie Walk
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Grandparents Afternoon 1.15pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual photographs
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of Term 1 Danger Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET DAY

## 2018/2019 Year 1 Team

The children enjoyed their class swap sessions and enjoyed meeting their new teachers. We were really excited to meet them ourselves and are looking forward to a fun packed first term. Our topic will be 'Time for a Change' where, as Scientists we will be studying seasonal changes by looking at the colour change of leaves, hibernation, weather changes and other visual clues such as clothing. We will be looking at materials and their uses. As Geographers we will be using simple field work and observational skills to study the geography of our school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment. We will be going on several local walks. As Historians we will be finding out about the life of a significant individual from the past. As Artists we will be creating maps and we will be taking inspiration from Andy Goldsworthy to create outdoor, natural ephemeral art and as Designers we will be exploring different materials. We will be designing and making owls from different Medias.

In English we will be studying 'Owl Babies' and in Maths we will be looking at Place Value, addition and subtraction.

Year 1 this term will be doing PE and swimming. **PE will be on a Thursday and Swimming will be a Monday** so please make sure they bring in their swimming kit and PE kit on those days.

### 1VR



Miss V Russell  
(Class Teacher and Year 1 Leader)



Miss K Hall  
(Teaching Assistant)



Miss R Mann  
(Teaching Assistant)

### 1NH



Miss N Howard  
(Class Teacher)



Miss K McKay  
(Teaching Assistant)

### 1DF



Mr D Freddie  
(Class Teacher)



Mrs K Stark  
(Teaching Assistant)

## 2018/2019 Year 2 Team

Next year the Year 2 team are looking forward to welcoming the children to their new classes after our successful class swap sessions. Our topic will be 'Bugs and Beasts' where, as Geographers we will devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key; looking closely at a map of the school and the different habitats found there. As artists we will develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space specifically looking at different animal patterns and textures. As scientists we will investigate Living things and their habitat and as Designers we will design and make our own mini beast models from salt dough.

In English we will be studying 'Caterpillar Shoes' and in Maths we will be looking at Place Value and doing lots of different number work.

We also have a very exciting trip out to the local woods to look at different habitats and minibeasts and also a fun 'Bug Day' where the children can come dressed up as a bug or minibeast. More details will follow about this.

Year 2 this term will be doing PE and swimming. **PE will be on a Thursday and Swimming will be on a Wednesday** so please make sure they bring in their swimming kit and PE kit on those days.

### 2SL



Mrs R Symons  
(Assistant Head, Year 1 and 2  
Team Leader and Class Teacher  
Monday-Wednesday)



Mrs P Lambley  
(Class Teacher)  
(Wednesday- Friday)



Mrs J Fixter  
(Teaching Assistant)

### 2NC



Mrs J Newberry  
(Class Teacher,  
Monday- Thursday)



Mrs A Casey  
(Class Teacher)  
(Friday)



Mrs R Sissons  
(Teaching Assistant)

### 2SM



Miss S Moran  
(Class Teacher)



Mrs A Russell  
(Teaching Assistant)

