

Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2020

September

- 1st Staff training day
- 2nd Children return to school
- 3rd Year 1 new class information meeting via Microsoft Teams
- 18th Bag2School collection
- 22nd – Photographer in school – individual photographs
- 24th Parent teacher meetings- via Microsoft Teams

October

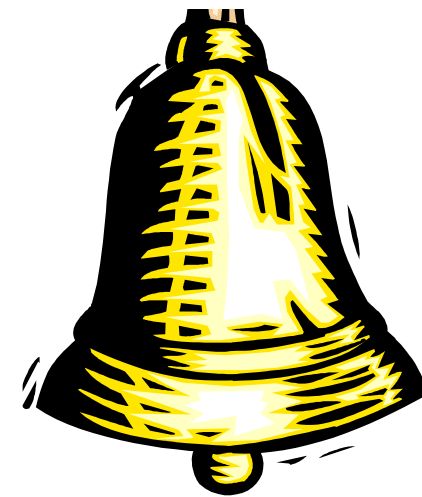
- 22nd Open evening – everyone invited
- 23rd Staff training day- children not in school
- 26th - 30th Half Term

November

- 2nd Staff training day- children not in school
- 5th Parent teacher via Microsoft Teams - online booking system
- 9th Parent teacher meetings via Microsoft Teams - online booking system
- 13th Children in Need – non uniform day in return for a donation for the charity

December

- 11th Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
- 17th Year 1 and year 2 Christmas party – afternoon
- 18th Last day of term



Southam Primary School

Where Getting Better Never

Puffin Class

Autumn Term 2020

Dear Parents,

We have a very exciting term planned for the children. Our topic during this term is Autumn. Through this topic the children will be taught about seasons, cooking, weather and the locality where we live. Next half-term we will look at the Great Fire of London.

Our topics will support our English studies, which will include instruction writing, story writing and letters.

In maths, we will focus on early number skills and counting and some simple addition/ subtraction. We will also be learning the days of week and the months of year to support our topic learning.

PE Lessons. This half-term we will be doing some daily exercise outside (weather permitting) so children need to come wearing appropriate clothing (particularly footwear every day). We will then introduce a weekly PE session of dance on Thursday afternoons. We will let you know via Class Dojo when this will start and then children should come to school wearing their PE kit.

PE kit is: white shorts or tracksuit bottoms, plain coloured t shirt linked to your child's house (no football shirts) and sweatshirt, trainers or pump, socks if your child wears tights.

Forest School. We will be having two sessions each week. Children should wear their uniform on top. On the lower part they may come into school in leggings/ joggers these days (Monday/ Tuesday). They should bring wellies if appropriate and a coat/ waterproof that you do not mind getting muddy.

Please make sure that your child has a coat in school everyday as aside from playtimes, we also access the Year 1 Outdoor Classroom daily and in all weathers, so a light waterproof is needed at all times.

How You Can Help Your Child At Home. Homework will just consist of phonics/ spelling homework in Year 1 to start with. Sounds will be posted on Class Dojo every Thursday for your child to practise over the weekend/ week. They will need to be able to sound out and read words with these sounds in them and to spot words with the same sound when reading with you or being read to by you. They should also practise sounding out and writing these words as spelling is most important in Year 1. They need to do both each night.

Children will also have the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities.

Each month a maths challenge is set- copies of the challenge can be found on the school website and outside Miss Longworth's office.

There will be activities linked to a particular author each term. Details of the tasks will be posted on the school website and newsletter. Children will be encouraged to take part in as many tasks as they wish during the half term and then bring their completed tasks in to school before the half term break, when their work will be celebrated.

As well as supporting your child in completing their homework you can also support their learning by: Reading with your child each day and asking them questions about the texts that they are reading. Children will have a reading book provided weekly by school but should be encouraged to read aside from this e.g. posters, leaflets, computer information. They should also be read to as often as possible to model good expression and how to read around punctuation.

Please do not hesitate to ask me if you have any queries or questions. I will be available via the online parents evening to answer further questions. Kind regards

Miss Startup/ Miss Reeves