



# Year 5 Newsletter Term 1



## **REMINDERS**

Start of day - 8:40am End of day - 3:20pm

**03.09.21** - Children return to the academy

**21.10.21** - Last day of Term 1

<u>PE:</u> Please ensure your child brings in a PE kit. All sessions will take place outside in term 1, so dark tracksuit bottoms and a plain hoodie can also be worn. Our PE is Monday and Tuesday.

<u>Uniform:</u> Please ensure your child has the correct school uniform and is clearly labelled. The uniform policy can be found on our website. If you are unsure, please email the office.

<u>Bags:</u> Children are encouraged not to bring in large backpacks as we do not have the storage space for them. Academy book bags or bags of a similar size would are ideal.

<u>Lunch</u>: Packed lunches should be in a disposable bag or wipe clean plastic container. A school dinner is £2.20.

Home Learning: Home Learning will be set on a termly basis. This year home learning will be accessed via Purple Mash (no home learning books). Children can hand work in via Purple Mash or in physical form.

Walking: Pupils can walk home with permission from parents. This can be done on ParentPay. Children who are walking can bring their mobile phones into school. If your child needs to bring in a mobile phone, they will need to be handed in at the start of each day. They will be locked in a safe box and kept inside the class cupboard throughout the day and given back at home time.

## **WELCOME BACK**

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We are excited to be welcoming pupils back after the summer! We hope you have had a lovely break.

## **START OF TERM 1**

For the first full week, children will be gradually reintroduced and settled back in to academy life. Pupils will be reintegrated with a focus on expectations, routines and presentation. This will include creating a class charter and revisiting our empowerment approach so that all children can be safe and happy in

#### **ENGLISH**

Our English work throughout Term 1 will revolve around our class text (*Varmints*). Varmints is a simple yet thought provoking tale which useeffective language to explore powerful societal themes. The story provides the opportunity for children to reflect on the world we live in and the challenges we face. We will be using the text to explore character, write our own stories and

#### **MATHS**

In Maths, the primary focus of term one will be on place value, as well as addition and subtraction.

## **WIDER CURRICULUM**

Our Wider Curriculum topic for the term is 'The Shang Dynasty'.

The Shang Dynasty are the earliest recorded rulers of China. They ruled from 1600BC to 1046BC. They were known for their advances in areas such as maths, astronomy and art, and heralded the Bronze Age in China.

We will be linking other sessions within the wider curriculum such as History, Science, Art and DT with our topic.

### **MEET THE TEACHER**

Both Redwood and Rowan's meet the teacher sessions will take place on Teams on Wednesday 8th September.

Rowan - 15:45-16:00

Redwood - 16:00-16:15

Links to access the calls via Teams will be sent out via Parent Pay.

## **STAY IN CONTACT**

Mr Lawrence - @MrLawrenceRSW Miss Standen-Davis - @MissSD RSW

Please email the office with any other queries and we will be in touch as soon as we can.