



***Jesus promised, "I came that you may have life and have it to the full."  
John 10:10***

*Every child at Fladbury will know they are loved by God, have a **happy heart** and be part of a flourishing, well-led school. When they leave Fladbury, they will be well-prepared to meet challenges, confident in their abilities and look forward to their **bright futures** with an **open mind**.*

**AUTUMN TERM 2024-2025**  
**INFORMATION FOR PARENTS – Elm Class Year 1/2**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you've all had a fun and restful summer! It's been great to see so many happy, eager faces this week as the children have returned to school. September is always an exciting month, if a little tiring, as we all settle back in and get used to the routines of the classroom, so the children are likely to be quite tired by the end of the first few weeks.

We will start our phonics and guided reading sessions next week, and children will bring home their reading books the week after. Regular reading at home makes such a difference to children's progress, so it would be brilliant if you could hear your child read every day, or as much as possible. Little and often is best – it's more beneficial to do 10 minutes several times a week, rather than fewer, longer sessions. Your child will have brought home a book from our school library to share at home today. These books will need to be returned every Friday so that a new one can be chosen. Reading to your child is just as important as hearing them read, and really helps to develop their vocabulary as well as having lots of mental wellbeing benefits.

Our English work this half term will centre on the fabulous *I Want My Hat Back* by Jon Klassen. We will be revisiting the basics of letter formation, accurate spelling, and correct punctuation as we re-write sections of the story before innovating our own. We will also be teaching the children proofreading and editing skills, so that they can correct and improve their work as they write. Later on in the term we will be creating some sense poems, and doing some non-fiction writing.

During the first half term, we will be covering our unit on place value in Maths. Year 1 children will focus on numbers up to 20, and Year 2 will focus on numbers up to 100. We will then move onto addition and subtraction.

In History we will be focusing on exploring our unit - War and Remembrance. We will be looking at the events of WW1, Walter Tull and why he was remembered for his bravery and how people are remembered in different ways. We will be making a special poppy remembrance jar so please save a jam jar ready.

Our first Science unit will focus on seasons, which is always a great one to begin with in September as we say goodbye to summer and see the first signs of autumn. We will revisit this learning throughout the year as the seasons change. We will not be having a weekly Forest School session this term, but

will instead timetable in a full day each half term so that our children can enjoy some wonderful outdoor learning opportunities.

We will be sending home a homework 'menu' each half term, with a selection of tasks that you may wish to complete with your child. These tasks have been designed to help develop their language, understanding of number, and fine and gross motor skills. These activities are in addition to reading.

A few handy reminders for the beginning of the year:

We will be reading with the children 1:1 throughout the week in addition to their daily phonics/ guided reading lessons. This can happen at any point in the week, so please ensure that your child has their reading books and reading record in school every day. Staff will use a pink pen to comment in your child's reading record.

Our days are busy, and children often misplace their belongings. It makes life easier for all of us if everything that comes into school is named, so that it can be reunited with its owner if it goes missing!

PE will be on Mondays and Fridays. The children will be doing outdoor PE on Mondays so jogging bottoms and a hoodie/jumper will be needed as we head into the colder months. Children wearing earrings will need to either remove them or bring in plasters/tape to cover them (we don't have this in school). PE kits will usually stay in school for the whole half term, but may occasionally be sent home to be washed if they have got wet or muddy.

Dojo messages are the easiest and quickest way to communicate with us, although you can also of course speak to us in person at the door, or via telephone. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Kind regards

Mrs Haines, Mrs Pemberton, Mrs James and Miss Pope