***Upper Foundation Phase Newsletter***

Welcome to the Upper Foundation.

Here are a few notices for September 2020:

Our Topics

Autumn Term: Marvellous Me / Fire! Fire!

Spring Term: Winter Warmer/ Wonderful Wales

Summer Term: New Life/ The Countryside

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P.E. Kit

Our P.E. days are Monday and Thursday. We will be doing games and dance up until half term so your child will need shorts, t-shirt and pumps. Please ensure all PE kit is labelled. Trainers will be needed for outdoor P.E. later on in the year. We will let you know when we plan to start outdoor P.E.

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Outdoors

Throughout the week all children will have the opportunity to use our outdoor provision. As the weather gets colder please ensure your child has suitable warm clothing, e.g. hat, scarf, gloves, warm socks etc. If they aren’t already in school, please could you also provide your child with some Wellington boots which are labelled with their name.

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Guided Reading

Guided reading takes place on a Thursday morning. Your child will have two reading scheme books to read at home which we will change once a week. We welcome positive comments regarding your child’s enjoyment and understanding of the books.

Homework and Spellings

* In Year 1 your child will have five weekly spellings beginning after October Half Term
* In Year 2 your child will have weekly spellings and a homework task after October Half Term.
* Year 2 Homework will be given on a Friday and should be handed in on a Monday.

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How can I help my Child at Home?

* Share and discuss a variety of books with your child, they may be an independent reader but it is still important to discuss what they have read with them. Check their understanding of the texts they read, relate to their own experiences and discuss the meanings of any unfamiliar vocabulary.
* We are following Floppy’s Phonics / ORT Reading Scheme. Please note the phonic sounds that are covered in the books.
* There are lots of resources, apps and games now available online. Look for anything that’s aimed at Year 1 / 2 and things that your child enjoys.

Useful websites

* [www.bbc.co.uk/education](http://www.bbc.co.uk/education)
* [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)
* [www.wodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk](http://www.wodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/)
* [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/)
* [www.mathszone.co.uk](http://www.mathszone.co.uk/)

Please Help Us!

* Any letters/money to be handed in to be put in a named envelope.
* Wellies and clothing to be named.
* All children to have wellies that fit, for outdoor learning. We go out all year!
* Waterproofs will be provided.