

Monkfrith School

September 2019

Meet the Teacher



Start of the Day

Soft Start

- School gate on Monkfrith Way is opened at 8.30 a.m. and a senior member of staff is always on duty. Children from Y1-6 walk around to their classrooms where they are supervised by a Teaching Assistant until the start of the school day at 8.55 a.m.

Punctuality

- The Monkfrith Way gate is locked at 8.55 a.m. and any children arriving after that time are deemed to be late. Once the bottom gate is locked, children should come into school via the Knoll Drive entrance and be signed into the Late Book.

Uniform

- Children should be in full school uniform every day including appropriate school shoes-not trainers. Please make sure children are not wearing jewellery or nail varnish. Shoulder length hair and longer must be tied back, this applies to girls and boys.
- PE kits need to be in school at all times. The kit consists of a white round neck t-shirt, blue shorts and plimsolls (Y1and 2).
- Children in Y2-6 need to have a navy sweatshirt and joggers for outdoor PE as well. These should be as plain as possible without logos.
- PE Day this term is a Tuesday

Parentpay

- We are a ‘cashless’ school and all payments for dinner money, After School/Breakfast Clubs, trips should be paid through Parentpay.
- The only exceptions to this are charitable donations, which we will still accept as cash.
- If you have any problems with your account please contact the Office.

Newsletters

- It is really important to read your newsletter every week, as it is an excellent source of information.
- All newsletters are available on the website and are emailed on Mondays. If you don't receive one, let the Office know.
- There is also a calendar of dates on the website.

Behaviour Policy

- Copy available on the website
- Children are expected to take responsibility for their behaviour and good behaviour is the expected norm. All staff use the behaviour policy consistently and work through the sanctions:
 - Refocus.
 - Warning.
 - Talk with the teacher after a session to discuss alternative behaviour.
 - Exit (an immediate exit for violent behaviour/abusive language)
 - Parents will be informed of all exits by a text to tell you the letter is in the bookbag.

Homework

- Homework is given on a Friday and expected back in school the following Wednesday. *Homework will start next Friday.*
- Children are expected to take responsibility for ensuring their homework is completed and returned on the correct day but may need support from you depending on their age.
- Encourage your child (particularly if they are in KS2) to ask for clarification from their teacher if they are not sure about something.

Reading Books

- In KS2 children will have a book sent home. As the books get longer they may be given longer than a week to read them. We will tell them where to stop reading and it will be discussed with the children in the guided reading session.
- Their guided reading books will go home on a Friday and come back on a Wednesday. Your child will have a specific day for their phonics books, which is in their phonic reader pack.
- This will start next week.

Spelling

- Spelling will be taught regularly as part of the curriculum.
- If you would like to help your child with spelling, there are lists available on the website and we will be giving out a list of each weeks spelling with the homework this Friday.

Communication

- If you would like to discuss something with your child's teacher please contact the Office who will arrange an appointment.
- This will usually be on a Wednesday after school but we will try and be flexible.
- Dates for Parent Consultations are on the website.

Trips

- If you are helping on a class trip, please be aware that there is a Code of Conduct for parents.
- No mobile phone use-texting or calls
- No photographs to be taken of children
- No smoking at any time
- No gifts/sweets to be purchased for children

The first trip is to:

The Wallace Collection in Spring 1

This is a FREE trip and we will be going by tube.

13th January 2019 or 14th January 2019

Medicines

- Please keep us up to date with any changes to medicines.
- Fill in a form and send to the office if we need to administer antibiotics.
- NB: We can only give prescribed medications in school.

Topics for the Year

- Predator
- Tribal Tales
- Gods and Mortals
- Flow
- Tremors
- Mighty Metals

Maths

Autumn Term Topics

- Reading and writing numbers in words
- Place value up to 3 digit numbers
- Adding and subtracting hundreds, tens and ones from a 3 digit number e.g $567 + 300 =$, $873 + 40 =$, $283 + 8 =$
- Calculations with all four operations (mentally and written methods)

Mrs Powell or Mrs Sutton will teach one lesson a week on Thursday mornings.

All this will be uploaded to the website

Maths

Times tables

Every week, they will be challenged on their times tables.

They will complete 30 questions on a specific times tables, in 5 minutes.

To pass and move onto the next challenge, they need 30/30.

After they complete six challenges, they will receive a badge in assembly.

This is a Monkfrith School Challenge that they will continue through to Year 6.

Children can be quite competitive and it has been a successful way to get children to learn their tables.

How you can help at home:

- Talk about our topics. Any additional research will make them better writer!
- Practise looking up words in a dictionary and choosing the relevant meaning.
- Reading for at least **30 minutes each day** makes a huge difference. Discuss the book with them.
- Talk about new and interesting vocabulary that they come across and make sure they understand the meanings. Use a dictionary to look them up.
- Practise their spellings.
- Make sure that anything they write is in **joined up handwriting** (except for capital letters), the spelling is correct and the sentences make sense.
- **Practise makes permanent!**

How you can help at home:

- They should know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables from year 2.
- By the end of year 3, they are expected to know 3, 4 and 8s times table and division facts.

E.g. $3 \times 4 = 12$

$$12 \div 3 = 4$$

- Websites to practise times tables are on the website
- MyMaths.co.uk homework will be set weekly but can also be used at anytime to practise anything they have learnt. This will be what they have been learning in the week
- Information about how we teach calculations is available - *Year 3 Calculation Policy Leaflet*.

How you can help at home:

- Telling the time
- Measuring
- Money
- Count
- Play maths games online

Additional Information

- Newspaper, tissue, magazines
- Reading volunteers

Any questions?