



CHILTON FOLIAT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Fallow Class Welcome Letter Autumn Term 1 and 2 2026

Welcome back. We hope you enjoyed the Summer break.

We are looking forward to a wonderful, new academic year together where we welcome the previous Roe class children into Fallow Class as well as new and returning members of staff. This academic year brings much excitement as we delve deeper into our adventure of learning through play continuous provision in KS1. We are very excited to introduce our outdoor classroom down at 'Bluebell Woods'. This will be an ongoing project that will develop throughout the year. The children will begin by planting bluebell bulbs. There will be opportunities to build, create, climb, risk take, problem solve, communicate, collaborate, role play and much, much more all through child led learning. Research suggests that being in nature helps to support the social, emotional and mental health of our children. We believe that outdoor play helps to support emotional regulation, executive functioning, physical development, social and communication skills as well as ensuring the children are intrinsically motivated leading to deeper engagement and mastery.

To support the learning and adventures that we will happen down at Bluebell Woods, please could all children bring in a pair of wellington boots as soon as possible. Please also ensure your child's coat is warm for winter and is waterproof, as we aim to be outside all year round. If you would like to provide waterproof trousers then please feel free to do so.

Our overall learning will be based around the History objective: changes within living memory with a focus on toys over time. Please do look at the topic web to see the different areas of learning that the children will explore and how we will be making links across the curriculum. The children will continue to take part in 'play projects' directly linked to their learning across the curriculum which enables them to choose the outcome of their learning. They can choose to either create, construct, draw or write something about what they have just learnt.

As part of our topic on Toys, we will be reaching out to willing Grandparents who would be happy to pop in for half an hour to show and tell a toy from when they were a child. Please keep an eye out for an email with more information.

Science will be based on the 5 senses and Everyday Materials. We will learn the names of each of the senses and will explore how our senses help us to understand and learning about materials and their properties. We will learn about wood, plastic, glass, rock and metal. We will explore a range of materials and discuss their properties (bending, rigid, transparent etc.).

In RE we will be focusing on, 'How we can help others when they need it'. Children will learn that Christians believe Jesus taught people to help others and show love to their neighbours. They will also learn that Sikhs believe everyone should be treated equally and helped when they need support.

PSHE will be thread through the week at every opportunity. We will start by focusing on classroom/school rules and then we will move onto relationships. We will then focus on valuing differences.

The Christian value we are all sharing this term is **Thankfulness** and around the school we are encouraging all our children to show and put into practice this important value.

Please continue to support your child with reading – **a short daily read** is essential for fluency and confidence and underpins every aspect of their development. We encourage you to find a time when your child isn't too tired to read. 5-10 minutes before school can be extremely successful if this works with your morning routine. Please ask questions about what they have read as this makes a huge difference to their ability to comprehend texts in addition to mastering the mechanics of reading. We would also really encourage you to look through the phonics tiles sent home with your child (Year One Only).

Miss Hearn will continue to teach on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Fabian will teach on Thursdays and Fridays. PE will take place on a Wednesday afternoon with FACE. We will change reading books on a Monday. **Please ensure your child's reading log and book are in their book bag on a Monday.**

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy term!

With best regards,

Miss Hearn and Mrs Fabian and the Fallow Class Teaching Team