

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 2025-2026

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS – AVON CLASS YEARS 1/2

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 on the 15th September 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 also be bringing home a book from our school library to share with you. 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 for the first few weeks will be focused on the brilliant picture book Mr Norton's New Hat. 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 non-fiction writing about looking after the environment.

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 Geography, we will be exploring our unit - Our Wonderful World. We will be looking at the different continents that make up our world and surrounding oceans and seas. We will also be using maps and aerial photos to explore some continents in more detail.

In Science, we will be learning about Animals Including Humans, looking at life cycles, and the things that animals need in order to grow and stay healthy. This will link to our Art unit, as we create animal-based batik designs whilst studying the work of Harriet Peck Taylor.

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 write a comment in your child's reading record when they have read with them.

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!

Children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kits on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The children will be doing outdoor PE on Tuesdays so jogging bottoms and a hoodie/jumper will be needed as we head into the colder months. You can now purchase a Fladbury Hoodie from the school shop, if you wish. Children wearing earrings will need to either remove them or bring in plasters/tape to cover them (we don't have this in school).

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!

Mrs Pemberton, Mrs Haines and Mrs James