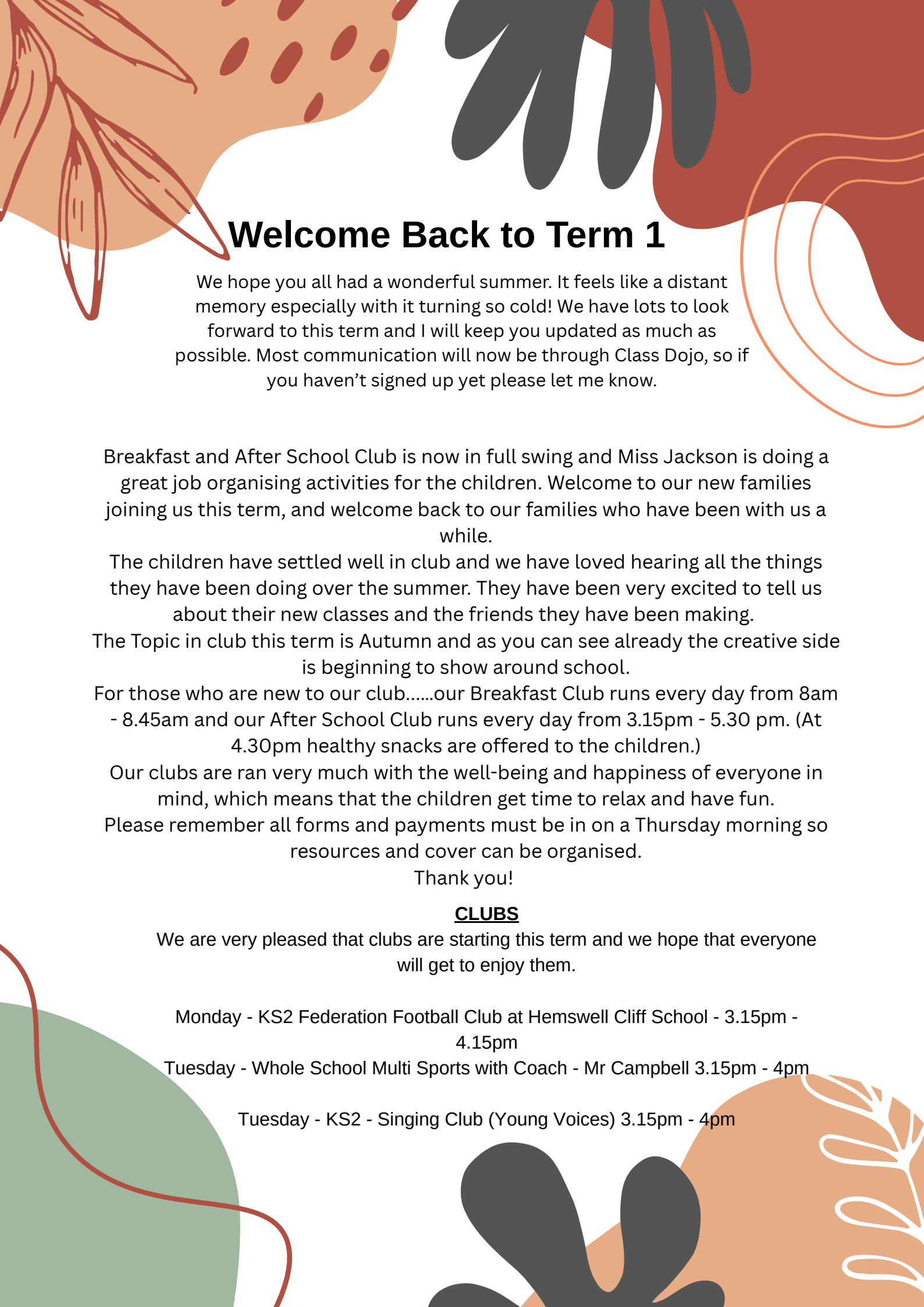




Welcome Back to Term 1

We hope you all had a wonderful summer. It feels like a distant memory especially with it turning so cold! We have lots to look forward to this term and I will keep you updated as much as possible. Most communication will now be through Class Dojo, so if you haven't signed up yet please let me know.

Breakfast and After School Club is now in full swing and Miss Jackson is doing a great job organising activities for the children. Welcome to our new families joining us this term, and welcome back to our families who have been with us a while.

The children have settled well in club and we have loved hearing all the things they have been doing over the summer. They have been very excited to tell us about their new classes and the friends they have been making.

The Topic in club this term is Autumn and as you can see already the creative side is beginning to show around school.

For those who are new to our club.....our Breakfast Club runs every day from 8am - 8.45am and our After School Club runs every day from 3.15pm - 5.30 pm. (At 4.30pm healthy snacks are offered to the children.)

Our clubs are ran very much with the well-being and happiness of everyone in mind, which means that the children get time to relax and have fun.

Please remember all forms and payments must be in on a Thursday morning so resources and cover can be organised.

Thank you!

CLUBS

We are very pleased that clubs are starting this term and we hope that everyone will get to enjoy them.

Monday - KS2 Federation Football Club at Hemswell Cliff School - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Tuesday - Whole School Multi Sports with Coach - Mr Campbell 3.15pm - 4pm

Tuesday - KS2 - Singing Club (Young Voices) 3.15pm - 4pm

What are we learning about this term!

Willoughton Primary School
Acorns - Reception
Autumn Term 1:
Getting to Know You

This term we will be focusing on settling into Reception and we will be getting to know one another.

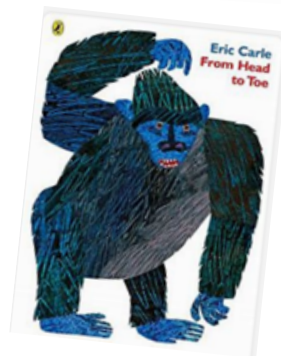
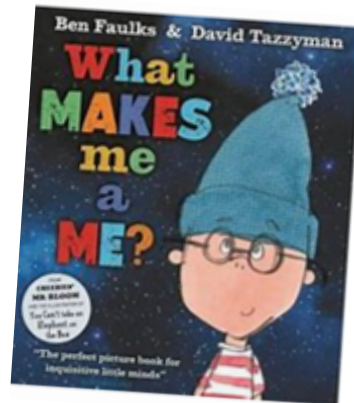
We will be getting to know more about ourselves, our families, our school, our bodies and our local area.

We will be reading lots of new books to extend our vocabulary and learn lots of new words.



We will also begin our phonic lessons - Read, Write, Inc. This is always so exciting, as we learn the sounds needed to read and write!

We will be learning about numbers and how to make different amounts. We will practise our counting.



Areas of provision we will explore:

- Home corner
- Small world area
- Writing area
- Construction
- Maths area
- Funky fingers
- Creative Corner
- Mud kitchen
- Investigation area
- The reading area
- Physical area.
- Sand and water

Willoughton Primary School
Acorns Class Year 1 and 2
Autumn Term 1 – Marvellous me!

Geography

In geography, we are learning about where we live. We will be looking at different maps and what features are near us. We will also be looking at the weather.

Art

In art, we are going to learn about pop art and the artist Andy Warhol. We will be making our own pop art.

Computing

In computing, we are learning about technology all around us. We will be developing mouse skills and a computer keyboard.

Science

In science, we are learning about plants. We will be observing and naming plant parts and identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants.

PE

In PE we are will be developing coordination in kicking as part of football fundamentals. and learning different ball skills.

PHSE

In PHSE we will be learning about health and wellbeing. We will be looking at ways to keep healthy and how to recognise different feelings.

RE

In RE, we are learning about these questions -

What do stories from religious traditions
teach about God? and What can we learn
from other stories?

Music

In music we are learning about South African music – hands, feet and heart.

Maths -Year 1

In maths this term, we are learning about numbers and place value. We will be looking at one more and one less, greater than, less than and equals to. We will be learning how to use a number line and recognise numbers as words.

Maths -Year 2

In maths this term we are learning to recognise tens and ones, write numbers to 100 in words, count in twos, fives threes and tens. We will be estimating where numbers should go on a number line and know all the number bonds to 10 and 20.



English

We will be reading these books this term.



We will be learning poems about our school playground and our feelings
We will be writing stories using a beginning, middle and ending. We will be describing where we live and looking at non-fiction writing about houses.

We will learn about using exciting sentence openers, verbs and adjectives.
We will be practising our reading and phonics and learning our new sounds and spellings.

Willoughton Primary School
Sapling Class Year 3 & 4
Autumn Term 1 - Rock of Ages

History

We're travelling back in time to explore life in the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. We'll discover how people hunted, cooked, built homes and developed tools. Children will get the chance to compare life thousands of years ago with their own lives today.

Art

In art, we'll be looking closely at cave paintings and using drawing skills to recreate this fascinating early form of storytelling. In D.T., children will become designers and makers, creating their very own Stone Age pouch using simple textile skills.

Computing

This half-term we are learning about computing systems and networks and connecting computers. We'll explore how computers work together, how networks share information, and why this is important in our daily lives.

Science

Our science focus is Forces and Magnets. We'll become scientists, investigating how things move on different surfaces, discovering the magic of magnets, and testing which everyday materials are magnetic. There'll be lots of hands-on experiments to get us thinking like real investigators!

PE

This term, we'll be developing our strength and control in gymnastics and building teamwork skills through netball.

Music

In music, we'll be learning through the Charanga unit 'Mamma Mia' – singing, keeping the beat and even playing instruments to bring the music alive.

RE

In R.E. we are exploring pilgrimages. We'll learn what they are, why people of different faiths make these special journeys, and what they mean to those who take part. Children will also think about journeys and places that are special to them.

PHSE

Our PSHE lessons will focus on health and wellbeing. We'll talk about how to make healthy lifestyle choices, the importance of good habits, and strategies to keep our bodies and minds strong and positive.

Maths

In maths, we'll be building strong number skills to set us up for the year ahead.

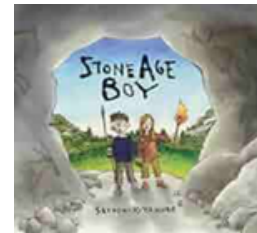
Year 3 will be exploring numbers up to 1,000, learning how to compare and order them, and becoming experts at using number lines and written methods for addition and subtraction.

Year 4 will tackle even bigger numbers up to 10,000, practise rounding, and use both written and mental strategies to solve problems.

Both year groups will also be stretching their reasoning skills through puzzles and challenges.

English

We will be reading this book this term.



This term we will be diving into the world of the Stone Age! Our key texts will inspire us to write our own imaginative stories, full of description and atmosphere. We'll also be having fun with poetry and learning how to use adventurous vocabulary, fronted adverbials and exciting sentence openers to bring our writing to life. Along the way, we'll keep practising our spelling, grammar and reading skills to become confident and creative writer

Willoughton Primary School
Oak Class Year 5 and 6.
Autumn Term 1 – WW2

History

In History, we are learning about WW2. We will be looking at the cause of WW2 and how children lived and felt during WW2.

Art

In art, we are discovering art by L.S Lowry, we will be recreating some of his artwork using sketching techniques.

Computing

In computing, we are learning about how computers work and their networks, software's and services. Children will learn how data is stored and how different networks connect.

Science

In science, we are learning about Energy: light and reflection. Children will learn how light interacts with different surfaces to create shadows and reflections, and that it travels in straight lines.

PE

In PE we will be developing our team building skills in Netball and our coordination in Tri- golf.

PHSE

In PHSE we will be learning about health and wellbeing, including why sleep is important and the role of medicines in someone's health.

RE

In RE, we are learning about these questions -
How do people express their beliefs through worship?

Music

In music we are learning the song Happy by Will Pharrel.

Maths

In Maths we will be learning about place value, building on prior knowledge, students will work with numbers up to 1,000,000, learning to read, write, compare, order, and round them. They will also extend their understanding of Roman numerals to 1,000, including symbols D (500) and M (1,000). Children will then apply this knowledge in addition and subtraction and perform calculations with increasingly large numbers and apply these skills to solve problems

English

We will be reading this book this term.



We will be reading Goodnight Mister Tom and discovering how to write a character description and writing a recount. Children will learn to incorporate figurative language such as similes and metaphors, making their writing vivid and engaging.

Guided Reading

In Guided reading we will be looking at a number of different texts and using our comprehension skills to infer meaning, summarise texts and predict events.

Dates for your diary

Monday 22nd September - Federation Football starts - 3.15pm - 4.15pm - KS2

Tuesday 23rd September - Multi-Sports Club starts - 3.15pm - 4pm - Whole School

Tuesday 23rd September - Singing Club (Young Voices) starts 3.15pm - 4pm

Wednesday 24th September - Flu vaccinations in school (If you have booked your child in)

Thursday 2nd October - National Poetry Day

Friday 10th October - Open Day in School - 9.00am - 3.00pm

Friday 10th October - World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 21st October - Parent's consultation - Letter to follow

Thursday 23rd October - Term 1 finishes

Monday 3rd November - Term 2 starts

Monday 10th November - Anti - Bullying Week

Tuesday 11th November - Remembrance Day

Monday 17th November - Applications for Reception children 2026 opens

Friday 28th November - Open Day in School - 9am - 3pm

Monday 1st December - Assessment week

Monday 8th December - Federation Football finishes for Term 1

Tuesday 9th December - Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas lunch

Wednesday 10th December - Christmas Concert in school - 2pm performance

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Concert in school - 6pm performance

Friday 12th December - It's Panto Day - 10.30 am

Friday 19th December - Christingle at St. Andrews Church 2 pm

Friday 19th December - Term 2 finishes

Monday 5th January - Staff training day

Tuesday 6th January - Term 3 starts

Please be aware, some of these dates are subject to change.