

**Autumn Edition**

**September 2023**

**Dear Families**

*The Year 1 Team at Castilion Primary School welcome you to the 2023 – 2024 school year. We hope you have had a wonderful and restful summer! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve the highest potential. As a learning community, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. There are lots of exciting opportunities and changes for our children this year, our plan is to aim high and work closely with you to achieve the best possible outcomes.*

**The Year 1 Team**

## Calendar dates:

**Parent/Teacher  
Consultation Meetings:**  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October and  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

**October Half Term**  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

**School starts for children**  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**End of Term**  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December –  
1.40pm finish

## Subject Coverage

**English:** This term we will be looking at 3 texts to support our literacy skills. We will be learning how to write labels and captions, letters, non-chronological reports and 'how to' guides.

**Maths:** In Maths, we will be exploring our knowledge of numbers, place value and addition and subtraction. We will be trying to start to use our reasoning skills to explain 'how we know'.

**Guided Reading:** We will be recalling main points within a story using who, what, why, where, when and how. We will also be looking at the parts of a story and linking our own experiences to what we read.

**Science:** We will be labelling and naming parts of the human body and exploring our 5 senses.

**Geography:** We will be thinking about our local area, using plans and maps to track a journey and being able to recall a short trip and the stages we walked.

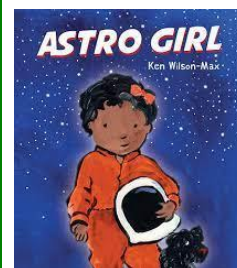
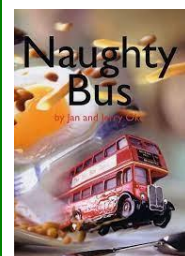
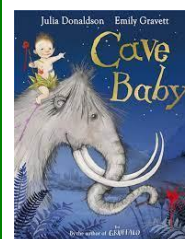
**Art:** We will be focusing on spirals and patterns by exploring the work of artists and practising our own drawing skills.

**PSHE:** We will be focusing on 'Being Me' - what makes me safe, special and secure, our rights and responsibilities.

**ICT:** We will be focusing on online safety, exploring Purple Mash and examples of technology outside school.

**RE:** We will be focusing on Christianity and thinking about who is a Christian and what they believe.

**Please discuss  
these texts with  
your child to  
support their  
learning this term.**



**Upcoming Events in Year 1**

**Trips this term**

Toy Workshop (Autumn 2)  
TBC

**Assemblies**

**KS1 Rights Respecting School assembly**  
**Monday mornings**

**KS1 singing assembly**  
**Wednesday mornings**

**Home and school partnership**

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that they:

- Arrive at school on time, the gates open at 8.40am. Registration is at 8.50am.
- Read daily to develop a love for reading and to improve fluency and literacy skills.
- Share their school experiences with you so that you are aware of their school life.

Miss White and Mrs Islam

**Staff in Year 1:**

Mrs Islam (All week) Class Teacher  
Miss White (Tues - Fri) Class Teacher  
Mrs Kundi (Monday) Cover Teacher  
Mrs Viridi (Mon, Fri) Year 1 Class TA  
Mrs Le (Tue, Wed, Thur) Year 1 Class TA  
Mrs Owens-Bray (All week) SEN Support TA  
Mrs Omigie (All week) Classroom support TA



Miss White



Mrs Islam

**Attendance and Punctuality**

*Do encourage your child to come to school every day unless they are really ill.  
Every day off means 8 missed lessons! Remember frequent absences can seriously hinder your child's education. Arriving in school on time is also vital, as lessons start at 9am prompt!!*

**PE Days****Monday - Indoor PE**

Dance - Growing

**Thursday - Outdoor PE**

Locomotion - Jumping

**Belongings**

***Please make sure that your child's belongings (uniform, PE kit, lunch box) are clearly marked with their name, and are brought to school every day.***

**UNIFORM PROCEDURES**

**Wear your Castilion School uniform with pride.**

- Children are no longer required to wear white shirts, they can now wear white polo tops. Children can continue to wear the shirts they have until they are ready to be replaced.
- Children are no longer required to wear ties.

**All children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos and is based on the following principles:**

- Promotes a sense of pride amongst the children in the school
- Engenders a feeling of community and belonging
- Is practical and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be)
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents

- Has been designed with health and safety in mind.
- Impacts positively on attitudes to learning

Please note that it is not compulsory to purchase logo items of school uniform, you may purchase plain uniform items from a shop of your choice - something that we actively encourage you to do.

Second-hand uniforms can benefit all parents, particularly those on low incomes. In addition, by extending the life of garments, it is more sustainable.

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Grey trousers</li><li>▪ Grey shorts in the summer</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Grey skirt/tunic/trousers</li><li>▪ Green &amp; white check dress in the summer</li><li>▪ Grey shorts in the summer</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ White polo shirt</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ White polo shirt</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Grey socks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ White/grey socks/tights</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Bottle green pullover or school sweatshirt</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Bottle green cardigan or school sweatshirt</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Black school shoes</li><li>▪ No <i>trainers or the equivalent</i></li><li>▪ <i>Children are not allowed to wear boots</i></li></ul>	
<p><b>Please note: Shoes should not have flashing lights.</b></p> <p><b>Sandals and other open footwear are not allowed at any time of the year</b></p>	
<p><b>PE</b> - children should come into school wearing their PE kit on days they have PE lessons</p>	
<b>Indoor PE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Black shorts</li><li>▪ White T-Shirt</li><li>▪ Bare feet</li><li>▪ Black leotards are acceptable for Junior Girls (if they can change in and out of these quickly)</li></ul>	<b>Outdoor PE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Black shorts</li><li>▪ White T-Shirt</li><li>▪ Black plimsolls or training shoes</li><li>▪ Socks ONLY - No tights</li></ul>
<b>In colder weather (the following is allowed):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Children may wear a green fleece (with or without a school logo) or a plain black tracksuit top / fleece / hoodie with black jogging bottoms over their PE kit.</li></ul>	
<b>Water Bottles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Please provide your child with a clear plastic, push-up top water bottle</li></ul>	<b>Jewellery</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ For health and safety reasons, please do not send your child to school wearing jewellery. If your child has already had his/her ears pierced, they may only wear plain studs, with no stones.</li></ul>
<b>Watches</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Children may only wear plain, small, watches that only tell the time and do not allow any other activity to be accessed.</li></ul>	
<b>Hair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Children should come to school with sensible haircuts. Skin-head, Mohican, motif haircuts, dyed hair and coloured extensions are not permitted.</li><li>▪ Children may wear plain beads but these must be tied back.</li><li>▪ Hair accessories should only be worn in order to keep hair tied back, they should be discreet and plain coloured (black/white/green).</li><li>▪ Children may wear plain beads but these must be tied back.</li></ul>	

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- Nail varnish and make-up **MUST NOT** be worn.

### **Bookbags**

Children need a green, flat book bag – no backpacks please. These should be clearly named on the outside. School book bags are available on the Mapac website:

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/castilionprimaryschoolse288qa>

### **Nut Free School**

As we have several children in school who suffer from a severe nut allergy we have made the decision to continue forwards as a 'Nut-Free School'. If your child has a nut allergy could you please inform our Senior Administrator via the school office and their teacher as soon as possible. Although we are now striving to be a nut-free school, it will be impossible to provide an absolute guarantee that no nuts will be brought onto the premises.



*Please record all daily reading in the children's reading record books.  
Teachers will be checking these and signing them weekly.*

**Reading records and reading books should be brought to school every day to support progress. Weekly phonic books will be collected on Mondays and a new book will be given out. Children will not receive a new phonics book until the previous book has been returned. Children will be able to choose a book from our class book corner every Thursday to share with you at home. Homework will also be given out on a Thursday.**

**Don't forget to give your child a bottle of water to bring to school every day.**

*Thank you for your support.*