

## Pippin Class

Hello all children, parents, carers, grandparents and everyone who will be part of Pippin Class this year. We are very much looking forward to our first term and have some important information and reminders for you as we begin our new school year.

**The Teachers:** Mrs Emma Sale will be teaching every day, supported by Mrs Dang, Mrs Mitchel and Mrs Richards.

**The Curriculum:** All the teachers from The Merriott and Haselbury Federation have been working very hard over the summer to prepare this year's exciting new curriculum for the children. Below we are pleased to give you some information on the areas we will be covering in Pippin Class up until half term. It should be noted that if you do notice slight differences in the areas we cover at both schools it is because of the mixed age class structure of Haselbury school but rest assured we will still be covering the same skills and curriculum objectives. If you have any questions about the curriculum, please do ask.

English	<p><u>Writing:</u>  <u>Poetry</u>            Giant - Jack Ousbey (poems in given structure - kennings/acrostics)  <u>Fiction</u>  <i>Wolves – Emily Gravett (Narratively complex)</i>            Jim and the Beanstalk – Raymond Briggs</p> <p><u>Reading:</u>  <u>Fiction</u>            Cinderella, An art deco Fairytale – David Roberts            Dixie O'Day – In the Fast Lane – Shirley Hughes and Clara Vulliamy</p>
Mathematics	<p>1 Numbers 10 to 100. Adding multiples of 10. Splitting 2 digit numbers into tens and ones, add and subtract one and ten to a 2-digit number.            2 Calculations within 20.</p>
RE and Christian Values	KS1 Unit 6: What do Jewish people believe about Torah?
Art & Design	<b>Explore and draw</b>
Science	Uses of everyday materials.
Computing	<p><b>Computing systems and networks</b>            What is a computer?</p> <p>Online safety</p>
Humanities (Geography/History)	<p><b>Local history study –</b>  <b>Significant historical events</b>, people and places in their own locality.  <b>Our school – then and now.</b>  <i>EQ</i>  <i>How long has our school been in the village?</i></p>
Music	West African call and response song (Theme: Animals) Exploring Music theory: Beat, pulse and rhythm. Pitch and notation
PE	<p>Multi Skills</p> <p>(Area cross country)            REAL PE</p>

**Assemblies:** Our celebration assembly will be on a Thursday at 2.45pm to which you are all invited. We will let you know in advance if your child has received a star of the week certificate so that you could make arrangements to attend if you would like to.. Please also let us know if your child has achieved anything outside of school (however small) so we can celebrate this too.

**PE kits:** PE lessons are on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Please make sure that your child brings their PE kit to school and keeps it at school on their peg in a drawstring type PE bag or carrier bag. For practical reasons it is unhelpful to put PE kit in a rucksack as they take up too much room on their peg. Please bring in spare socks or tights, as they get very wet during the winter months on wet grass.

**Snacks:** Children in Pippin Class a fruit or vegetable snack will be provided for them each day. Children will need to bring a named water bottle (water only please) each day.

**Homework:** Homework will be sent out every Tuesday, to be returned by the following Monday to be marked and the new homework set. Please feel free to bring the homework in sooner – there is a tray that the children will put their work into when they return it.

**Home-reading:** Please read with your child as much as possible. Sometimes it's not possible to read every day, so we ask for 4 reads a week to be signed by an adult in the reading log. This is checked every Monday – stars and house-points are awarded, and the total reads are added up which go towards our reading challenge prizes.

Finally, in Key Stage 1 we still use bookbags – no rucksacks please as we have limited space). Sun cream and sun hats for hot days and coats, hats and gloves as we move towards the winter.

Kind Regards,  
The Pippin Team