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Around Pattishall Autumn 2022

It was a joy to welcome our children in on 5<sup>th</sup> September and see that not a beat was missed with Maths and English lessons in full swing by 9am on day one!

We are working together as a community this year to ensure that our presentation, engagement, attendance, communication and homework are second to none. Everyone has been working hard – starting as we mean to go on.

As a school community we keenly felt the sadness at the loss of HM Queen Elizabeth II. Mr May played the bugle on 9<sup>th</sup> September, just after the morning bell, to signify the start of a two-minute silence. We then gathered in the hall to celebrate the amazing life and achievements of Her Majesty. We sent our prayers to her family and to King Charles III and looked forward to this next chapter in our history.

Moving onward, we have a busy term ahead of us; with harvest festival, a residential to the Frontier Centre for Year 6, European Languages Day, a Music Café, parents' evenings, Remembrance service, Black History Month and of course all that Christmas brings!

Here is a taste of what the children have been getting up to in the first week of term:

**Reception** - Our Reception children have had a wonderful start and are settling into school life. We are getting to know one another with lots of games and new friendships are being made. Miss Dalton.

**Year 1** - Year 1 have had a brilliant first week back! In Science, we are learning about animals so we took a walk around the village to see what animals we could find. We also transformed our classroom into a train so that we could go on a journey through the countryside and into a city. One of our children had the job of conductor and enjoyed checking that we all had our tickets! This journey has helped us write some brilliant sentences for a story about going on a train ride. This term, our topic is Our Local Area so we spent a lesson finding Pattishall on the map and locating our school. Some of the children even managed to find the roads they live on. Next week, we will be using our street maps to go on a walk around our local area and plot on any key features we see. Mrs Green.

**Year 2** - During our first week back we have been out on the school field hunting for objects that we could sort into living, dead and never been alive. We gently used paintbrushes to collect the living minibeasts and returned them to where we found them afterwards! We have also been looking at the work of Piet Mondrian and trying to create our own versions using coloured paper squares and rectangles.

Next week will be exciting as we have some special visitors on Monday afternoon to launch our first English unit. Three owls will be coming to school so that we can learn all about them before reading *The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark*. Miss Bruce

**Year 3 and 4** - Having recently become a joint Year 3 and 4 class, we have been very excited to welcome our new classmates and are enjoying getting to know each other. We are starting new topics of 'British Artists' and 'Northamptonshire' and look forward to discovering a bit more about where we live. We are focusing on the animal kingdom in Science, discovering similarities and differences between different species. We are exploring the wonderful picture book 'The Blue House' in English, which explores the themes of loss, support, coping with change and looking to the future. The children have had a fantastic first few days and have much to look forward to this Autumn Term, including a choir trip to Peterborough Cathedral. Mr May.

**Year 5** have had an excellent first week back. We have started our geography topic on Climate Change and our new class book – Twitch. The children have all made some excellent predictions about what is to come in our story and we will have to wait and see over the coming weeks how accurate we are! We have started our sessions with S4A learning to be Sports Crew and we are looking forward to the reception children joining full time so we can meet our buddies and help them to settle into life at Pattishall. Ms MacDougall

**Year 6** – Like Year 5, Year 6 have started the year at full tilt learning about Climate Change and reading their new text Twitch. The thing that is at the forefront of their minds however is their three-day residential to the Frontier Centre next



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week! They will be climbing, rafting, dancing, singing around the campfire – all activities to build their confidence and make amazing memories that will last a lifetime. Mrs Thorpe.

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At our school, we firmly believe that the children come first; they are at the heart of every decision we make. We are also passionate that their learning journey is a partnership with you – their parents – as you know your children better than anyone. Our door is always open, and we are here to ensure that your child gets the best **foundations for life**. If this sounds like the sort of school you want for your child, come and see us in action. Call 01327 830301 to book a personal tour with Emma McLean, Head Teacher.

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