



Autumn Curriculum Newsletter – Year 1

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! The children have settled in brilliantly during their first week. They are getting used to the new building and all the Year 1 routines and we are enjoying getting to know them and supporting them with their learning. We are looking forward to an exciting term of learning as well as our first joint year group sharing assembly on Wednesday 12th November which we hope you will be able to attend.

This term the children in 1W will be supported by Mrs Woodhead throughout the week. They will be taught by Ms Hill on a Tuesday afternoon and Mrs Booth on a Wednesday afternoon. Miss Mullaney will also sometimes support in 1W.

The children in 1B will be supported by Mrs McKinnon all week. They will be taught by Mrs Booth on a Tuesday afternoon and Ms Hill on a Thursday afternoon.

Each Friday both classes will have an outdoor and indoor PE session, so please ensure your child has a pair of trainers, jogging bottoms and a jumper as part of their PE kit.

Many thanks, Mrs Busch 1B and Miss Woolmer 1W

Homework

Reading: Year 1 children are given two books per week to read which are given out on a Friday. **Please ensure that you listen to your child read the books and make a note in their reading records that they have read and any other feedback you wish to give.**

Seesaw homework/spellings: This will be set on a Monday to be completed by the following Monday. This task should take about 10 minutes and is uploaded online. Tasks do not need to be printed and can be completed with pen and paper or with discussions with your child. Please comment to say that you have completed the task.

Important Days

Wednesday

1B and 1W reading books collected in

Friday

1B and 1W – PE, double session
1B and 1W reading books handed out

Important Dates

Monday 22nd September – Year 1 curriculum meeting

Wednesday 1st October – Watch us learn 9:05-9:35am

Thursday 16th October – Individual photographs

Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd October – Parent teacher consultations

Wednesday 22nd October - Pumpkin Party

Tuesday 4th November – Firework event run by the Friends of Highfield (TBC)

Wednesday 12th November – Year 1 Festival of Light assembly

Friday 28th November – Training day – school closed for children

Thursday 4th December – Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day + Book Look 3:30-4:00pm

Friday 12th December – NHS flu vaccinations + KS1 Christmas party

Wednesday 17th December – Presents for Parents run by the Friends of Highfield

Thursday 18th December – KS1 Christmas Carols in hall (TBC)

Friday 19th December – History of toys workshop

ENGLISH

We will write about our book "The Tiger who came to tea". We will write instructions for making biscuits, setting description for "We're going on a bear hunt" and letters inspired by the "Smeds and the Smoos".

PHONICS

We will re-cap the sounds covered in Reception. We will then begin to look at alternatives for some of these sounds. Phonics learning will be supported by homework on Seesaw.

ART/ DT

We will study primary and secondary colours, creating an Autumn inspired painting using colour mixing techniques.

MUSIC – We will think about the sounds that are all around us, we will make some firework percussion and become familiar with some of the percussion instruments. **PSHE** – Mental health and emotional well being – Mindmate. Keeping safe and managing risk.

COMPUTING

The first half term we will learn how to program a Beebot. The second half term we will begin to learn to log on to a computer and save work. We will also begin to learn about online safety.

MATHS

We will be learning about place value within 10 and 20. We will learn about addition and subtraction within 10 and solving simple number problems. We will also learn about shape and pattern.

SCIENCE

We will learn about "ourselves", body parts and our senses. We will look at which sense is associated with which body part. We will study the seasonal changes that occur during Autumn.

HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

We will learn about countries of the UK and the weather we see in the UK during Autumn. We will learn about the gun powder plot and a history of toys from living memory.

RE

We will learn about ourselves and celebrations. Describe how we celebrate birthdays and how different religions celebrate the birth of a baby. Celebrations of Harvest, Sukkot, Diwali.

PE

The first half term we will learn about movement and static balance. The second half term we will learn ball skills and games.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

- Making sure your child remembers to bring a water bottle every day.
- Talk to your child about their day- this can have a huge impact on your child and gives them an opportunity to reflect on their day and their learning.
- Reading with your child on a regular basis and asking them questions about what they have read and ensuring their reading book is brought to school every day.

Please see the school [website](#) should you require further information about the Year 1 curriculum.

Don't be late through the gate!

School doors open at 8.50am. Getting your child to school on time really matters.
Arriving late is upsetting for your child and disruptive for the rest of the class.

Being regularly late adds up to a loss of learning time.

5 mins late everyday = over 3 days of learning lost every year

10 mins late everyday = over 7 days of learning lost every year

15 mins late everyday = over 2 weeks of learning lost every year

20 mins late everyday = nearly 3 weeks of learning lost every year

30 mins late everyday = over 4 weeks of learning lost every year



Safeguarding and Child Protection

For any child protection issues please contact Mr Feeley, Mrs Dagliesh, Mrs Bowker, Mr Brassil or Mrs Calvert and we will support you with any concerns or sensitive issues you may be dealing with.

Mrs Dagliesh is the school SENDCo and can help you with any questions or concerns.