



Spring Curriculum Newsletter – Year 1



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring term! The children had a great first term in Year 1 and transitioned brilliantly from Reception to Key Stage 1. We are looking forward to an exciting term of more learning as well as opportunities for you to see some of your children's learning and of course our fabulous Spring production!

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 for a lesson on a Thursday afternoon. The children in 1B will be supported by Mrs McKinnon throughout the week, they will be taught by Miss 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 as it is currently very cold outside!

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. It will be directly related to the phonics we will be learning that week in class. The sound will be explained plus any rules that apply for using the sound.

We will occasionally post other updates or ways you can support the children with their learning on Seesaw too.

Important days

Wednesday

Reading books collected in

Friday

1B and 1W – PE kits in school

Reading books handed out

Important dates

Wed 14th January – Year 1 and 2 Friends of Highfield Film Night

Wed 21st January – 9.00am – 1W class assembly
Parents welcome in hall – Note 1B will have a class assembly in June.

Mon 26th Jan - 1B – local area walk - 9.10-10.10

Tues 27th Jan – local area walk - 9.10-10.10

Wed 4th February – SEND coffee and catch up @2.45pm

Mon 9th February – TRAINING DAY

Wed 11th February – 9.05-10am – Watch us Learn – Parents welcome in classrooms

Thur 12th Feb – Harmony and Diversi “tea”

Fri 27th Feb – Friends of Highfield Quiz PTA

Thur 5th March – World Book Day (details to follow)

11th – 16th March – Book fair in small hall

19th March – Harmony and Diversi “tea” @2.45

Tuesday 24th March – 9.00am – Year 1 Springtime concert – both classes

Monday 30th March and Wednesday 1st April – Parent teacher consultations

Thursday 2nd April – Easter competition in hall

2nd April – 3.30pm school closes for Easter



ENGLISH

Our first unit of work will be about Traditional Tales including The three billy goats, Cinderella and The three little pigs. We will also look at Houses and Homes and create some non-fiction writing. Then we will look at the book Tiddler and non-fiction work on fish. We will practise spelling days of the week using the book Mr Wolfs week.

MATHS

Year 1 will be looking at addition and subtraction within 20. We will look at numbers and place value to 40 and addition and subtraction word problems. We will be mastering missing number sentences, consolidating number bonds to 10 and learning number bonds to 20. We will also learn about length, mass and capacity.

PHONICS

We will look at alternative spellings for sounds for example 'ai' 'ae' 'a' 'ay' as well as learning split digraphs such as a_e. We will support the children to start to choose the right graphemes when spelling.

SCIENCE

We will study the seasons Winter and Spring including a tree/weather study. We will learn to name a variety of everyday materials such as wood, plastic, glass, metal water and rock. We will identify a variety of common animals, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.

ART / DT

Introduction to digital art which is made using technology. Children will create digital art using the Paintzz Ap on the Ipads inspired by Wassily Kandinsky.

HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY

We will carry out our ongoing weather study. We will conduct a local area study including map work and a local area walk. We will look at the causes, consequences and significance of the Great Fire of London.

MUSIC

We will explore pulse and rhythm, children will move to the beat of song, join in with actions, clap and move to beat. In the second half term children will be focusing on singing and percussion for the Spring Production.

RE

Communities, special places.

Christian communities, Islamic communities, Hindu communities.

COMPUTING

Understanding what technology is and parts of a computer. Learning to Log on to a computer in school. We will use the graphics program Paintz to create pieces of work on the Ipad inspired by Wassily Kandinsky.

PE

We will learn about dynamic balance, static balance, counter balance and flight. We will use the large apparatus in the hall. We will learn ball skills including throwing, catching and aiming games.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

- 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.
- The children will sit a Phonics Check in June and reinforcing the phonics we learn in school at home is vital. Sounds of the week will be posted on Seesaw on a Monday morning.
- We recommend that your child reads for a minimum of 10 minutes per day, reading out loud to an adult. During the week, you can ask your child a range of comprehension questions such as: who their favourite characters are; what they think will happen next in the story; did they like/dislike the story (and why) or discuss their favourite parts.
- Making sure your child remembers to bring a water bottle 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 starts at 8.55am. 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 Bowker, Mr Brassil, Mrs Dalgleish or Mrs Calvert (our Designated Safeguarding Officers) and we will support you with any concerns or sensitive issues you may be dealing with.

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

If you are worried that a child is at risk of harm please contact Leeds Children's Social Work Services on 0113 2224403

Please contact admin@highfield.leeds.sch.uk should you wish to speak to us.