



Autumn Curriculum Newsletter – Year 1

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! The children have settled in brilliantly and are getting used to the new building and all the Year 1 routines, 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 11th November which we hope you will be able to attend.

This term the children in 1W will be taught by Miss Woolmer and supported by Mrs Woodhead throughout the week. Mrs Hansrani and Mrs Galbraith will also support in class half days (mornings/afternoons). The children will be taught by Mrs Booth on a Wednesday afternoon.

The children in 1B will be taught by Mrs Busch and supported by Mrs Matheson throughout the week, Mrs McKinnon Mon to Thur and Ms Hill on a Friday morning. They will be taught by Mrs Booth on a Monday afternoon and Ms Hill on a Wednesday afternoon.

Each week 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.

Children can be provided with milk at school, the school office will let you have details of how payment can be made for this.

Children will be provided with a piece of fruit each day in school but they may bring one other small fruit snack as well. Only fresh or dried fruit must be brought in, no biscuits or bars please.

Children can bring a one small pocket toy each day, this should fit in their hand and pocket eg a car or small doll. Have a discussion about what toy to bring and please don't bring in anything too special or trading items such as cards or resin animals.

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: 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. Tasks will be based on phonics or number work.

Important Days

Wednesday – 1B and 1W reading books collected in

-1W PE

Thursday – 1W and 1B PE

Friday – 1B PE

Reading books handed out

Important Dates

Monday 21st September – Year 1 curriculum meeting – 3.40pm

Wednesday 30th September– Watch us learn 9:00-9:30am – parents in class

Thursday 15th October – Individual photographs

Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October – Parent teacher consultations

Wednesday 21st October - Pumpkin Party

Wednesday 4th November – Firework event – Friends of Highfield TBC

Wednesday 11th November – Year 1 Festival of Light assembly

Monday 16th November – Odd Socks day

Thursday 19th November – NHS flu vaccines

Thursday 26th November – 3.30-4.00pm Book Look – parents welcome in class

Friday 27th and Monday 30th November – Training days – school closed for children

Wednesday 2nd December – Christmas Fair

Thursday 10th December – Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

Wednesday 16th December – Presents for Parents run by the Friends of Highfield

Thursday 17th December – KS1 Christmas Carols in hall (TBC)

Friday 18th December – History of toys workshop and school closes for Christmas



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 **coat** and 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.

As in Reception, Key Stage 1 children have Celebration Assembly every other Friday. If your child is receiving a birthday or a celebration certificate you will be informed by the school office or the class teacher, usually on the Monday of the week of the assembly.

Children can bring 50p for some fresh fruit on a "Fruity Friday", children should bring 50p in weekly which will be collected in as they come into class.

We are really looking forward to working with you and your children this year and hope you always feel that our door is open. We are very happy to have a quick chat or pass on a short message in the morning. If you have a longer query or something you would like to discuss in more detail, we will be very happy to speak with you after school, when we can give you the time and attention you need.

Thank you! Mrs Busch and Miss Woolmer

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 Dagleish, Mrs Bowker, Mrs Calvert and Mr Brassil, we will support you with any concerns or sensitive issues you may be dealing with.

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