



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! We hope you all had a wonderful summer break. We wanted to send out some information about the new half term to let you know what we will be covering, staffing and some general information.

Firstly, please could we just ask that all of your child's clothing and belongings are named clearly, including their coat and water bottle. Any unnamed items will be sent to lost property. We have already had a few jumpers and cardigans unnamed this year and it's such a shame to lose brand new items.

Every child will need to bring their book bag into school every day of the week. Reading books will be sent home every Monday and Thursday. If you do not have a book bag, they can be purchased from the office.

Staffing

Mrs Woodhouse (Teacher) – Mon, Tue & Wed

Mrs Lake (Teacher) – Thur & Fri

Mrs Grice (Teaching assistant) – All week

Mrs Smith (Teaching assistant) – Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur & Fri mornings

Mr Haliday (Teaching assistant) – All week

Maths

In Maths the work we do in school is based around the three principles of fluency, problem solving and reasoning. Children are expected to be confident in all areas and the work we complete in school will reflect this. We are using the Power Maths programme.

English

For the first few weeks of term we will be focusing on handwriting, grammar and punctuation. We will then start our Talk 4 Writing teaching. We will start the term focusing on stories with repetitive language. We will continue to learn our fiction and non-fiction texts through Talk for Writing.

Phonics

We will continue to have daily phonics sessions using the Little Wandle programme. Homework will be sent home relating to this.

Topic (please see overleaf)

During the first half term, we will be covering the following subjects:

- • Science: The human body
- • Geography: Spatial sense
- • Art: Colour
- • RE: Christianity
- • D&T: Cooking

During the second half term, we will be covering the following subjects:

- • Science: Animals and their needs
- • History: Discovery
- • Art: Line
- • RE: Christianity
- • D&T: Cooking

Music will also be taught by Mrs Baker as part of PPA time.

P.E. and Forest School

PE this term will be on **Wednesday** afternoons only. Please send your child into school in their PE uniform for these days.

Forest school will be **fortnightly** on **Tuesday** afternoons. Please send your child into school wearing old clothes for these days. They will also need appropriate footwear (wellies can be sent to change into but not worn all day), a warm coat and suitable clothes for the weather (hat, gloves, scarf, and waterproofs if needed). Forest school goes ahead in all weathers (apart from high winds) and lasts all afternoon so the children need clothing that will keep them as warm and dry as possible. The first session will be Tuesday 10th September.

Homework

Your child will have a reading book and diary sent home, once they have been reassessed. Please listen to your child read daily (or as often as possible) as this really helps their reading progress. They will also receive a library book to be shared at home. Book change days are **Monday** and **Thursday**, if your child has read 3 times and the diary has been written in, their book will be changed. Reading books and library books must be returned in their school book bag on these days. We will ask that any lost/damaged books be paid for so we are not left short of resources. There will be a reading competition each week, where the top five children who have read the most will get to go on a chart in class. Children who have read consistently across the half term will also receive certificates.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a great autumn term!

If you have any questions please just ask us in person or email the school office: office@hoveton-st-johns.norfolk.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Mrs Lake & Mrs Woodhouse

