



## Welcome to Year 1 Autumn Term Newsletter



We are really looking forward to seeing you all in year 1 in September.  
We have lots of wonderful lessons and experiences planned.

We hope you find all the information on this newsletter useful.  
Please share it with your child.

### Hello from the Year 1 Staffing Team

#### 1LW

Teachers: Mrs Lupton-Walker  
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Woodhead

#### 1B

Teacher: Mrs Busch  
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Galbraith and Miss Lines

Mrs Booth HLTA

#### Start of the day and home time for Year 1

From September, the start and end of the day will be back to the usual times of 8:55 in the morning and 3:30 in the afternoon.

The school gates will open at 8:45 in the morning and at 3:15 in the afternoon.

Please be prompt with dropping your child off and picking them up.

Both year one classes line up in the main playground outside the year one classroom doors.

#### What your child needs to bring to school

- A book bag rather than a rucksack
- Shower proof coat every day even when dry and sunny
- Water bottle
- Packed lunch (unless they are having a school dinner)
- **Reminder Highfield is a NUT FREE school. Please do not send anything containing nuts**
- If it is hot, a sun hat. Please apply the once a day sun cream before school if needed.

**Please ensure your child's name  
is on all of these items**



## The Year 1 Autumn Term Curriculum

English: We will be:

- learning about stories with familiar settings
- sentence work - learning about capital letters, full stops and finger spaces and how to use them
- practising our year 1 common exception words

Maths: We will be:

- learning about place value within 10 and 20
- addition and subtraction within 10
- solving simple number problems
- 2d and 3d shape

### **Foundation Subjects:**

**Science:** Our senses and seasonal changes

**Geography/History:** Countries of the UK

**Art:** Natural patterns

**Design and Technology:** Flaps and levers

**Computing:** Logging on, saving work and online safety

**Music:** Exploring sounds and duration

**RE:** Myself and celebrations

**PSHE:** Mental Health Awareness & Keeping Safe

**PE:** Movement and static balance. Ball skills and games

### **PE Days**

- **1LW Tuesday & Thursday**
- **2H Monday & Wednesday**

PE will very likely take place outdoors. Children must come to school in their PE kit on their two PE days. Children should wear school uniform on the other three school days.

### **PE Kit**

White t-shirt, black / grey jogging bottoms, green school jumper or green Highfield hoodie and trainers not pumps.

**Please do not send your child with lace up trainer unless they are able to tie them properly by themselves.**

### **Reading**

Reading books will be changed on a **Wednesday** and your child will come home with 2 reading books. Please ensure your child has their book bag and books in school on Wednesdays.

**Our main homework in Year 1 is reading and is vital you support your child by listening to them read the books that we send and writing a comment in their reading record weekly.**

### Spellings on Seesaw

**A new Seesaw password will be set up for your child in September.**

We will be using Seesaw to send homework to you so please make sure you check Seesaw **regularly**. Our homework in Year 1 will be linked to our phonics teaching. We will post sounds of the week, tricky words and suggested activities each Monday. These are for you to complete with your child at home during the week, they do not need to be brought back into school.

### **Parent Consultation Meeting**

- **Wednesday 20th October**
- **Thursday 21st October**

**These will be held on Microsoft teams after school.**

### **Dates for your Diary**

- School training day Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. School closed to children.
- The Friends of Highfield and Mrs Colley Coffee Morning - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 9:00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November Year One Bonfire Night assembly 3pm
- Whole School Open Morning - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 9:15 - 10:00
- Christmas Fair: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2:30
- KS1 Carol Service 16<sup>th</sup> December

## How to support your child in the summer holiday.

Have lots of fun together with your child and enjoy your summer holidays together. The ideas below are just suggestions for you to do if you wish. The most important thing is for you to relax together doing holiday activities with your child, so your child feels ready and eager to come back to school in September.

- Read to your child and listen to your child read. This can be reading comics, following recipes, sharing books, reading with you or grandparents, friends etc
- Practise number and cursive letter formation [Go to Curriculum - Year Group Information - Year Reception](#)
  - Practise recognising and recalling sounds learnt so far
  - Practise skills such as fastening coats, taking jumpers on and off and opening water bottles.

There are lots of helpful links on the school website.

[Go to Curriculum - Year Group Information - Reception](#)

Use this to consolidate what your child has learned throughout last year.

Have a lovely summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you in September.

With best wishes from all of the Year 1 Team

