



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Please ensure 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.

Every child will need to bring their book bag into school (named) on Monday 11th September for us to send home their reading book. If you do not have a book bag, they can be purchased from the office.

If you do have any questions or concerns, or would like ideas of how to best support your child at home, then please do email us via:

office@hoveton-st-johns.norfolk.sch.uk

Staffing

Mrs Green (Teacher) – Mon, Tue, Wed

Mrs Lake (Teacher) – Thur, Fri

Miss Sutton (Teaching assistant) – All week

Miss Dann (Teaching assistant) – Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri

Mrs Meale (Teaching assistant) – Mon, Tue, Wed

Mrs Worboys (Teaching assistant) – Thurs, Fri

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.

English

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.

Topic

As a federation, we will be starting a new scheme and therefore topic will look a little different from this term. Subjects will be taught more discreetly and this will give the children more variety in their learning.

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 19th September.

Homework

When we start spellings they will be given out on a **Friday** and the little red books will need returning the following Thursday for the new spellings to be added.

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!

Mrs Green and Mrs Lake