

Monday 6th September 2021

Dear Year 1 parents/carers,

Year 1 Curriculum Letter - Autumn 1

Message from the teachers

Welcome to Year 1! We are all so excited to begin what is sure to be a very memorable year for you all. There is so much to look forward to this year such as local trips around Harefield, an animal show in school and a trip to RAF Hendon during the summer term. This letter will give you an idea of some of the lessons your child can look forward to during the first half term.

Our Core Values

Happiness: we spread joy to those around us.

Compassion: we care and are kind to all.

Respect: we treat others as we like to be treated.

Teamwork: we work well with everyone.

Year 1 Staffing

Ash Class teacher: Mrs Middleton

Ash Class learning support assistant; Mrs Childs

Ash Class PPA cover teacher; Mrs Hassell - Wednesday

Cedar Class teacher: Miss Churchill

Cedar Class learning support assistant; Mrs Lamacraft

Cedar Class cover teacher; Mrs Metha –Tuesday and Wednesday

Communication

You can email class teachers directly on the class email accounts and we will do our best to get back to you within two working days.

ashclass@harefieldinfant.com

cedarclass@harefieldinfant.com

Homework

Maths and English homework, along with answers (if needed) will be emailed to parents every Monday, starting next week.

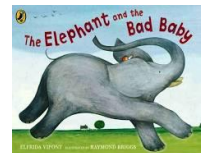
Spelling tests; will begin on week two. Spellings are sent home every Monday and tested the following Monday.

Reading; please read every day and sign your child's yellow reading record. Books can be changed every day in class. Your child will come home with a sheet of coloured words which will be checked weekly. These will be sent out after initial assessments in school. Once all words are known your child will receive the next colour sheet. Please learn these words in different orders.

Please continue to access your child's Bug Club and Mathletics accounts. If you have lost logins please speak to your child's class teacher.

Autumn Term Learning

This half term we will be learning the following in each subject area.



English

Year 1 will be using 'Little Charlie' by Pie Corbett and "The Elephant and the Bad Baby" by Elfrida Vipont as our focus texts this half term. We will create 'journey' stories based on Little Charlie, where a main character goes on an errand to deliver some goodies but meets some hungry animals along the way. We will also be using the poem 'Twinkle, Twinkle Chocolate Bar' to create and perform our own poetry.

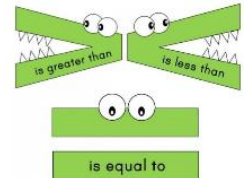
Reading

Guided reading happens daily, all children will carry out a reading task such as; independent reading, phonics puzzles or comprehension activities whilst two groups will be reading with an adult. Meaning each week your child will have read in a group with either the teacher or LSA.

Mathematics

In maths this half term, year 1 will be consolidating their knowledge of place value up to 10. Children will use; concrete objects, pictorial images and abstract methods to support their mastery of the understanding of numbers to ten. This will support their learning further as they begin to work with higher numbers. Time will be spent sorting and comparing groups of objects and explaining their reasoning. We will introduce the symbols for greater than, less and equal to.

Then, we will be using the operations; addition and subtraction to solve calculations. Using a variety of methods; concrete objects, counting on and back, using number lines and tens frames and learning our number fact families.



Science

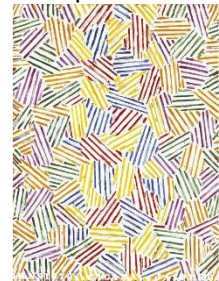
The year 1 science unit this term is titled 'Everyday Materials'. The focus of this unit is materials and their properties. We will introduce a range of materials including; wood, plastic, metal, glass, rock, water and many more. Exploring where they come from or how they are made and the different uses of materials. We will complete some simple experiments to explore the different properties of different materials.

History

'My Family History' is the title for the year 1 history unit this half term. Year 1 will be exploring how life was different for their grandparents or those who lived in the 1950's. How school, toys, travel and homes have changed. We are looking for Grandparents who might like to come and talk to the class about their childhoods or any artefacts or photos you may have from the 50s and 60s. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you can help with this.

Art and Design

In art this half term, Year 1 will be focusing on; shape, line and colour. We will look at the artist Jasper Johns and the children will create their compositions in this style.



Cicada, Jasper Johns 1979

Physical Education

The two P.E. units in year 1 this half term are 'Boot Camp' outdoor and 'Multi Skills' indoors.

PE will be every Monday-Indoors and Thursday-Outdoors. Children need to come to school dressed for PE on these days.

PE Uniform; black shorts or joggers, white t-shirt, white socks, plain black sweatshirt, and plain black trainers/plimsolls. No jewellery. Stud earrings acceptable and long hair tied back.

Religious Education

Year 1 will be learning all about the creation story. We will also learn about the Harvest Festival and how it is celebrated around the world.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

'Being Me' is the first PSHE unit, where the children will look forward to the year ahead and make appropriate goals that they would like to achieve, and consider the obstacles that may concern them. They will then be introduced to the universal rights of the child and use these discussions to contribute to the creation of a whole class charter.

Please feel free to contact us via the class email accounts should you have any questions over the term ahead.

Yours faithfully

Miss Churchill and Mrs Middleton