

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Year 1 parents/carers,

## Year 1 Curriculum Letter - Autumn 2

### 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 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

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### Homework

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

**Spelling tests;** take place every Monday morning. New spellings come home every 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 every Friday.

Please continue to access your child's Bug Club and Mathletics accounts.

### Autumn Term Learning

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

#### English:

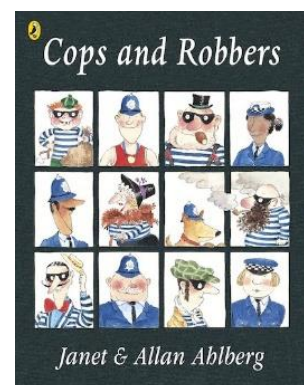
Year 1 will be focusing on Firework Poems after half term, using onomatopoeias in our writing. We will then look at information text, writing wanted posters and descriptions after our work on the book; 'Cops and Robbers' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. We will be learning all about using adjectives to enhance our writing. Finally we will use the text 'The Gingerbread Man' by Pie Corbett to create our own similar journey stories. Throughout our English lessons our focus will be on writing sentences correctly. Using a capital letter, finger spaces and full stops correctly. We will also look at using speech marks and question marks in our writing.

#### Reading:

Children are taught reading skills as a whole class, during whole class shared reading. This happens three days a week. On a three week cycle. On a Monday children read independently and staff listen to children read a few pages of their book one at a time. We will be introducing reading buddies on a Friday morning with children from Year Fie coming to share books and read with children in year one.

**Week One** - Using a key text such as; owl babies, funny bones, peace at last, with independent follow up activities.

**Week Two** - Non-fiction text related to our fiction text with independent follow up activities.





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**Week Three** –A poem relating to our key text with independent follow up activities.

Teacher and Learning Support Staff listen to one to one readers, reading a small text or part of a book on a **Monday** and **Friday**.

**Reading is also taught every day through our phonics lessons where children practice reading words and sentences using the sounds they have been taught that day/week.**

**Mathematics:**

In maths this half term, year 1 will be consolidating their knowledge of place value up to 10.

We will be focusing on completing subtraction problems for the first two weeks, learning to count back using a number track, use objects and pictures to help us and use a part whole model to help us solve subtraction problems. Drawing on the number facts we know.

We will then explore 2D and 3D shapes. The last few weeks will be spent exploring place value with numbers to 20.

**Science:**

The year 1 science unit this term is titled 'Everyday Materials'. We will continue our learning around every day materials. Carrying out experiments to find out which materials have the best waterproof properties. As well as the properties of water and ice.

**Geography:**

Our Geography topic this half term is 'Our Local Area'. Where we will learn all about what makes Harefield unique and our special local landmarks and features. We will be embarking on a local trip to a hidden gem in Harefield; Old Park Walk for a wet welly walk. Parent helpers will be needed, more details to follow. To support this topic you could explore our wonderful village.

**Design and Technology:**

In design and technology this half term, Year 1 will be focusing on; making moving pictures. We will learn all about making mechanisms such as sliders to make pictures move. The children will design, plan and make their own moving pictures.

**Physical Education:**

The two P.E. units in year 1 this half term are 'Mighty Movers' where we will focus on developing our running skills outdoor and 'Story Time Dance' indoors where we will learn to dance in time, showing expression and meaning in our dance moves.

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 special celebrations that happen at this time of year; Diwali, Hanukah and Christmas. We will learn the stories behind these special festivals and how they are celebrated around the world.

**Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education:**

'Celebrating Difference' is our PSHE unit for this half term, where the children will learn all about what makes them special and unique and to appreciate our differences. We will also look at anti-bullying.

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