

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Year 1 parents/carers,

### Year 1 Curriculum Letter – Spring 1

Happy New Year to you all, we hope you had a fabulous festive break and welcome you all back to school. We have another exciting term ahead with lots planned to enhance the children's learning.

#### 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: Mr Law

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

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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.

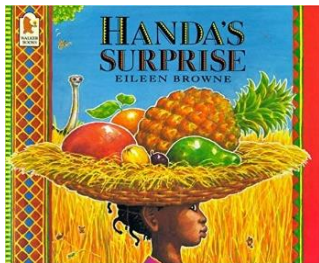
**Reading:** please read every day and sign your child's yellow reading record. Books can be changed every day in class. Your child will come home with a sheet of coloured words which will be checked every Friday.

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

#### Spring Term Learning

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

#### English



Year 1 will use the book 'Handa's Surprise' a story from another culture (African) to recreate our own stories. We will be focusing on using basic punctuation as well as enhancing our writing with the use of adjectives. We will then move on to learning to write instructions with the use of bossy verbs whilst learning how to make fruit kebabs which we are sure the children will enjoy very much. After this we will move on to learning animal poems and writing our own animal poems.

#### 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 and Friday children read independently and staff listen to children read a few pages of their book one at a time. Reading buddies from year four will join us in class every Friday afternoon to read with their partner.

**Week One** - Key texts; The Tiger Who Came to Tea and Avocado Baby.

**Week Two** - Non-fiction text about Tigers and Food

**Week Three** – Poetry; The Tiger Sue Hardy-Dawson – Cats Eleanor Farjeon and Chocolate Cake Michael Rosen

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 focusing on addition and subtraction to twenty followed by place value to 50. We will be learning to count on and count back to solve addition and subtraction problems, using what we know about our number bonds to support our learning. We will solve subtraction problems by counting back along a number track, crossing out images and using concrete objects to support our learning.

For Place value to 50 we will learn all about numbers to 50, use tens and ones to make numbers to 50, find different ways of representing numbers to 50, find one more and one less than a number, compare amounts within 50, and compare numbers within 50, order numbers within 50. We will learn to count in twos and fives to 50.

### **Science**

The year 1 science unit this term is titled 'Looking at Animals'. Where we learn about a variety of familiar and less familiar animals, including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will identify and name, look closely at and compare and contrast many different animals. Naming their body parts, describe their physical features and mimic how they move. We will learn about what animals need to eat in order to be healthy and that they eat lots of different types of foods. Learning about the terms 'carnivore', 'herbivore' and 'omnivore'

You could support your child's learning at home by finding out about different types of animals using books and the internet.

### **History**

Our History topic this half term is 'Great Explores'. We will learn about some significant explorers from the past and how they have influenced life today. We will learn about; Ibn Battuta a traveller, Captain Cook a Sailor, Roald Amundsen a South Pole Explorer and Sunita Williams an Astronaut. To support your child's learning you could research these famous explorers together at home using books and the internet.

### **Art**

In Art this half term, Year 1 will be focusing on; Art and Design Skills. We will be using our sketch books to explore and develop skills in; sketching, colour mixing, printing and experimenting with different media. You could explore printing at home using paint and different everyday objects to make art work.

### **Physical Education**

The two P.E. units in year 1 this half term are 'Skip to the Beat' Outdoor and 'Groovy Gymnastics' Indoor.

During Skip to the Beat we will be learning to; hop – same foot to same foot, jump – two feet to two feet. And how to do these two activities together whilst on the moving. We will learn how to hop and jump over a rope and how to use a skipping rope to skip on the sport and how to skip whilst moving. Maybe you could make learning to skip with a role on of your New Year goals at home.

During Groovy Gymnastics we will learn how to move on, along, around and under a variety of apparatus whilst learning some simple gymnastic moves such as forward rolls, different jumps-pike, tuck and straddle.

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 Christianity learning about stories from the Bible with a focus on incarnation. We will also learn about Lohri a popular Punjabi festival that is celebrated at the start of the harvest season in north India on January 13<sup>th</sup> this year and about Chinese New Year, which starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> February this year is the year of the Tiger and we will link this to our Shared Reading work.



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

'Dreams and Goals' is our PSHE unit for this half term, where the children will learn about the importance of persevering when faced with new challenges. Staying positive and working together to achieve goals as well as helping others achieve their own goals. Maybe you could set some new goals as a family this new year and support each other in achieving them.

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 Mr Law