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Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Year 1 parents/carers,

## Year 1 Curriculum Letter - Autumn (1<sup>st</sup> half)

### Message from the teachers

We are very excited to welcome the children back to school and into year 1. The start of Key Stage 1 is a big change for the children as they move into more formal and structured lessons, but this means that there is a lot of new learning to look forward to. This letter will briefly outline some of the lessons that year 1 will have fun exploring through the first half of the autumn 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

Redwood class teacher: Mr Hackman

Ash class teacher: Miss Mc Auliffe

Year 1 learning support assistants: Miss Boyle, Miss Dempsey and Miss Perez

### Communication

Please feel free to arrange a meeting should you wish to speak to one of the teachers in person. Alternatively, you can email class teachers directly on the class email accounts and we will do our best to get back to you within a couple of working days.

[Redwoodclass@harefieldinfant.com](mailto:Redwoodclass@harefieldinfant.com)

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Parent partnership is very important to us, so we have planned a year 1 parent tea/coffee morning in the school hall at 9am on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September where you will be able to meet the year 1 staff and talk to them about the year ahead. We hope to see as many of you as possible there.

### Homework

Homework, along with answers, will be emailed to parents every Monday. Please return the homework to your class teacher on the Friday of the same week.

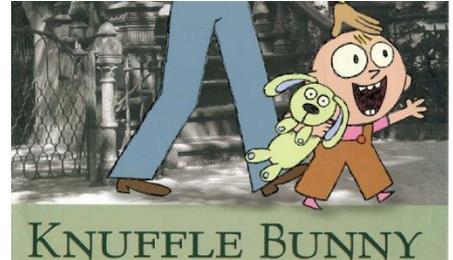
We will be starting an exciting new approach to teaching early reading and phonics called 'Read Write Inc.' this year and in a few weeks time, children will start taking home a different phonics reading book each week, linked to the sounds they are learning in school that week. We will share more information about the new phonics scheme later this month.

## Autumn Term Learning

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

### English

Year 1 will be reading the book *Knuffle Bunny* by Mo Willems to start this term, a story about a lost teddy. They will use this to help them to create their own stories about a character losing a special toy. Later this half term, Year 1 will continue to use *Knuffle Bunny* and other linked texts to write an instruction text about how to build a bear.

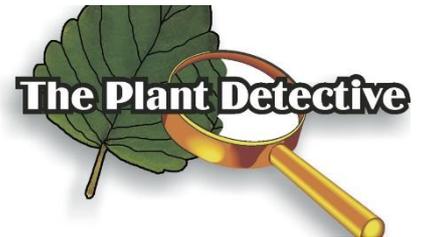


### Mathematics

In maths this half term, Year 1 will be learning about place value and the value of numbers. They will learn to count forwards and backwards within 10, compare numbers to see which is greater or lesser than the other and learn to place values in order.

### Science

Year 1 will become plant detectives in science this term. This will involve discovering some of the plants that can be found growing around the school and discussing how these plants began life as a seed, germinated into a plant and eventually came to flower or even produce fruit.



### History

The Year 1 history unit this term is called 'Family History'. The children will begin to explore the similarities and differences between their own lives and those of people their grandparents' age. The unit will focus on topics such as homes, toys, shops and schools.





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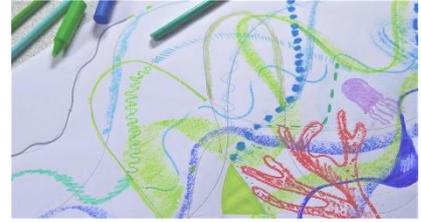
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### **Art and Design**

'Drawing: Make your Mark' is the name of the Art unit this term, where the Year 1 children will learn about creating artwork with straight lines, using wave formations and experimenting with media such as overlapping 2D shapes. They will complete the unit by creating a piece of art from observing objects around the classroom.



### **Physical Education**

P.E. will be taking place in Year 1 on a Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure you send your child to school wearing their P.E. kits on these days. The outdoor P.E. unit this term is called 'Multi-Skills', where the children will build their coordination and agility skills by practising different types of balances, and moving through obstacles such as cones and tunnels in different directions. The indoor P.E. unit this term is called 'Boot-Camp' and is built on a range of circuit exercises to get the children moving and develop their fitness levels.

### **Religious Education**

Year 1 will be learning about 'Caring for Others' in R.E. this term. They will be thinking about what it means to be caring toward other people by exploring stories and traditions from a range of different faiths that demonstrate caring behaviour, such as Raksha Bandhan, The Good Samaritan and Langar.

### **Music**

We are very fortunate to have a specialist music teacher in school every Friday to teach Year 1 music lessons, focusing on singing and percussion.

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

The P.S.H.E unit 'Being Me' will introduce the children to the rights and responsibilities that they can expect and discuss how that the choices they make has an impact on the people around them. The unit will finish with the children collectively making a learning charter that helps everyone in Year 1 to feel safe and valued.

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

Yours faithfully

Ms Mc Auliffe and Mr Hackman  
Year 1 teachers