

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Dear Year 1 parents/carers,

Year 1 Curriculum Letter – Spring (1st half)

Message from the teachers

Happy new year! We hope you had an amazing Christmas break and are looking forward to all that 2023 has to offer. This letter will briefly outline some of the lessons that year 1 will enjoy exploring through this spring 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 McAuliffe

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

Ashclass@harefieldinfant.com

Homework

Each child receives a printed copy of the homework, along with the answers every Friday. Please return the homework to your class teacher on the following Friday.

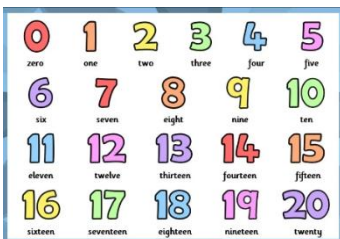
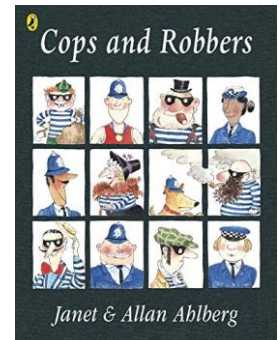
We use the 'Read Write Inc' approach to teaching early reading and phonics. Every Monday your child will be given a phonics book to practice reading at home. Please return the book to school on Friday of the same week.

Spring Term Learning

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

English

Our core text this term is 'Cops and Robbers' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. This is a great story about the policemen of London who try to find a gang of sneaky thieves. The children will use this to inspire their own finding tales, where they will write about a character who has to follow a trail of clues.



Mathematics

Year 1 will be working with numbers up to 20 in maths lessons throughout the spring term. They will grow confident in counting and ordering numbers, and then continue to add and subtract numbers within 20 with a particular focus on bridging through ten, e.g.

$$7 + 5 = 7 \text{ and } 3 \text{ bond to } 10, \text{ and add } 2 \text{ more to make } 12$$

Science

In science this term, year 1 will be learning about the five senses. We will discuss the different tastes that our tongues can sense, smells that we have learnt to like and hate and learn how we explore the world through our sense of touch. There will also be the opportunity to take part in some exciting experiments that put the children's senses to the test.



History

The invention of different transport is the focus for history in year 1 this term. The children will build an understanding of how transport has changed over time and plot different forms of transport onto a timeline. We will also discuss the works of great inventors such as George Stephenson and the Wright brothers.

Art & Design

Year 1 will be exploring colour through the medium of paints this term. They will learn about the primary colours, explore which secondary colours can be created through mixing paints, and use this knowledge to decorate their own plates in the style of Clarice Cliff.



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 'Skip to the Beat', where the children will practice a range of different movements set to music. They will learn to hop on the same foot, jump with both feet together when skipping over a rope and begin to move through a circuit while applying these skipping skills.

Indoor P.E. this term is called 'Groovy Gymnastics'. The children will be working on mats to explore different ways of moving and travelling, by using their bodies to form letters and shapes and learning about a range of rolls to help them transition and travel between poses.



Religious Education



Friendship is the R.E. topic for Year 1 this spring term. The children will discuss why friendships are important, consider how to be a good friend to others and explore examples of good friendship from various different religions such as 'The Wind and the Moon' from Buddhism and the story of David and Jonathan in Christianity.

Music

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



Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

Year 1 will be thinking about their dreams and goals in PSHE this spring term. The children will be introduced to ways of keeping motivated when facing challenges, learn about resilience and not giving up when something is difficult and work with a team to achieve a common goal. The unit will conclude by reflecting on what dreams and goals the children have for the year ahead and in their futures by creating a 'Dream Garden'.

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

Yours faithfully

Ms McAuliffe and Mr Hackman
Year 1 teachers