

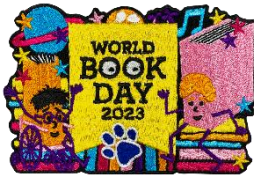
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Year 1 parents/carers,

## Year 1 Curriculum Letter – Spring (2<sup>nd</sup> half)

### Message from the teachers

Welcome back! The next half term is full of exciting school events to look forward to such as World Book Day, Red Nose Day, the Spring concert and the Easter bonnet parade. This letter will briefly outline some of the learning that year 1 will enjoy exploring through the second half of the spring term in the lead up to the Easter holidays.



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

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### Homework

Each child receives a printed copy of the homework every Friday. Please return the homework to your class teacher the following Friday.

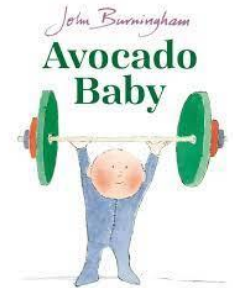
As mentioned in the previous curriculum letter, we have been using the 'Read Write Inc' approach to teaching early reading and phonics. Every Monday your child will be given a phonics book to practice reading at home. Please return the book to school on Friday of the same week.

## Spring Term Learning

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

### English

Year 1 will be reading 'Avocado Baby' by John Burningham, a story about a boy who grows super strength because he eats so many avocados. We will use this idea to write 'conquer the villain' stories, where a main character gains a superpower from food and saves the day. We will then use the same book to write a persuasive advert, selling a super food that gives superpowers!



### Mathematics

In maths this half term, we will be revisiting place value, this time extending the children's understanding of number to 50. We will also be introducing the language of measurements used for length and height (cm and m), mass (g and kg) and volume (ml and l).

### Science

The science topic this half term is called 'Everyday materials'. The children will learn to identify a range of different materials including wood, glass, metal, plastic, rock, brick and paper. We will conduct some experiments to learn about the simple properties of these materials and use this knowledge to sort, group and classify a range of objects.



### Geography



Year 1 will be exploring different communities around the UK and comparing life in coastal, rural and city locations. They will begin by learning about the four countries that make up the UK and some of the important cultural features that makes these countries unique. Finally, the children will compare the capital city of London to another major capital from a different country to understand how different cities can be around the world.

### Design and Technology

Food: Fruit and Vegetables is the design and technology focus for this half term. Year 1 will be looking at the differences between fruits and vegetables, learning how and where fruits and vegetables grow, and finally choosing their own combination of fruits and vegetables to use in a healthy smoothie of their own design.



### 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 focused on bat and ball skills. The children will practice their striking and fielding skills using tennis rackets and cricket bats, with the aim to use their skills in a simplified batting game.

Indoor P.E. this term is called 'Dance: The Seasons'. The children will learn about different seasonal festivals that take place through the year, and the types of dances associated to them. They will then learn and perform some seasonal dances of their own.

### Religious Education



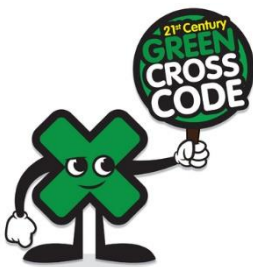
Year 1 will be learning all about Easter in their R.E. lessons this half term. The children will learn about the importance of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday in the Christian calendar and look at the many exciting ways that Easter is celebrated around the world.

### 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



'Healthy me' is the PSHE unit for Year 1 this half term. We will discuss the healthy choices that people can make such as having a healthy, balanced diet; keeping fit by doing exercise and sleeping regularly; and the importance of keeping clean. The children will discuss the use of medicine for when they feel unwell and how to use them safely. They will also be reminded about keeping safe on the roads by following the Green Cross Code.

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