

Year 1 Newsletter

Our School Rules

Be safe. Be kind.



Be responsible.



Important dates

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October
- HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

Monday 2nd October- NON-PUPIL
DAY

Wednesday 15th November –
TERMLY LEARNING
CONFERENCES (NON-PUPIL
DAY)

Thursday 21st December –
Thursday 4th January CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAYS

Welcome back everyone!

The Year One Team would like to welcome all pupils and parents back to White Hall Academy. The children have settled in beautifully and we have been focussing on getting them used to their new routines and surroundings.

In this newsletter we will inform you of what we intend to cover over the next term. It is also accompanied by our 'All About Year One' booklet, which has some information about what we learn and the expectations for the end of a normal year in Year One. We thought this may be a useful resource for parents and carers to look at, to see where we will be aiming toward.

We are looking forward to learning lots with our pupils!

Our learning this half term

1st Half Term - THIS IS ME

Maths – this term we will be learning how to accurately count and represent numbers using place value knowledge. Then we will explore addition and subtraction, place value with numbers to 20, and properties of shape. Our learning will be revisited and consolidated through Maths Meetings and independent activities.

Writing – in line with our phonics, we will continue to learn the written representation of sounds (graphemes) and then begin to build up writing simple words using these sounds. Our writing will be based on labels, lists and captions in line with our thematic work and interests.

Phonics – we will begin to learn the individual sounds (phonemes) of the alphabet and begin to read simple words by blending the sounds from the order we learn them. This term we shall revisit learning The Basics 2 and resume The Basics 3 of our Phonics learning.

Science – our first topic is The Human Body. We will explore identifying and naming the different parts of the body, our 5 senses and the body parts we use for these.

Other subjects – we will also be learning to re-tell the Christian Creation story; our feelings, keeping safe and family/friendships; how to login and keeping safe on Purple Mash; Growth Mindset (using cutlery); old and new toys; simple stitching for a Christmas stocking; listening to stories and asking/answering comprehension questions.

2nd Half Term - TOYS

Reading

Your child will be given a reading scheme book which matches their Phonics level. We encourage the children to be able to re-read their books and to know the sentence they have read in order to improve their fluency. Therefore, we expect children to read at home at least 3 times a week. Please also work on asking questions when reading with your child to check their understanding. **Please consult your child's teacher, to find out the day book changes will take place. They will only be changed if your child has read their book 3 or more times that week.** Please make sure your child has their book bag every day. To promote a love of reading, please share other books with your child. These could be from home or the local library, and count as one of their 3 weekly reads.

Ideas you can explore at home

- Continue to practise name writing and name recognition, making sure children are forming upper and lower case letters correctly.
- Practise learning letters and sounds in the correct order.
- Practise recognising numbers 0-20 and ordering them correctly.
- Forming letters and numbers correctly.
- Reading stories together and talking about what happens next and how the characters feel.
- Play games which involve sharing and turn-taking.
- Continue to discuss the importance of hand-washing and cleanliness.

Coats & 'Wet Play'

Now that the weather is getting colder, please ensure that your child brings a **named coat** to school every day.

Named uniform

Sometimes children may misplace belongings in school. To help ensure your child has the correct uniform returned to them, please make sure all of their uniform is named. *This includes jumpers and cardigans, water bottles and lunch boxes.*

P.E. kits

Children may wear their PE kits to school on their PE days.

Year 1 PE days

Tuesday

Wednesday

Drinks

Children should bring a named water bottle to school. These can be refilled with water during the school day. If your child brings a packed lunch, we recommend that they bring a juice bottle or carton in their lunch box to take into the lunch hall. Their separate water bottle can remain in the classroom to reduce the risk of missing water bottles.

Supersonic Phonics

Early Years and Key Stage 1 have adopted a Phonics scheme called Supersonic Phonic Friends. We are learning new actions and phrases to help us with our reading and writing skills. Soon we shall send Phonics newsletters home to accompany what the children have been learning.