



YEAR ONE AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

A Warm Welcome to Year 1!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another school year; we hope you have all had a wonderful summer break. The children all appear to have enjoyed their first few days and are beginning to settle well into their new classes and routines.

If at any time during the year you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself. The year group email address is year1@lps.hereford.sch.uk

Please check our year group pages on the school website for important information, letters and photographs.

Year 1

Year 1 Team

Mrs Eckley-Gardner – Assistant Head and English Coordinator

Mrs Hough - SENCO

Miss Evans – Maths Coordinator

1RH – Mrs Rutterford (Monday-Wednesday) and Mrs Harrison (Thursday and Friday)

Supported by Mrs Robinson and Ms. Hill

1F – Miss Forrest

Supported by Miss Burrows

(PPA cover: Mrs Townsend will teach every other Tuesday)

1C – Miss Salter

Supported by Mrs Chandler

(PPA cover: Mrs Townsend will teach every Monday)

Mr. McShane will also support during the mornings across Year 1

Curriculum and topic this term:



English: Holiday and weekend news. Lists, labels and captions. Talk for writing style stories.

Maths: Place value (within 10), addition and subtraction (within 10), 2D and 3D shapes, Place value (within 20).

Science: Animals including humans. Seasonal changes (focus on autumn and winter).

Topic: Our topic question for this half term is: What was it like 150 years ago? History- The Victorians.

Our topic question for the second half term is: How does the postman know where I live? Geography-Towns and countryside (second half term).

R.E: Our R.E question for this term is: What does it mean to belong to a faith community? What do Christians believe God is like?

P.E: Gymnastics

Computing: E-safety

Arts Portraits and self-portraits with a focus on the artists Leonardo Da Vinci/ Paul Gauguin

PSHE: Feelings and special people. Staying healthy and looking after our bodies.

Homework

Your child's main form of homework in Year 1 is **reading**. It is extremely important that you listen to your child read and ask them questions about what they have read including predicting what may happen in the text. Please read with your child as often as possible, ideally every day. Children also love to hear their parents and carers read and this helps them to become expressive, fluent readers so please take time to read to your child throughout the week - maybe a bedtime story!

The children are expected to begin to join their **handwriting** in Year 1 so please encourage them to join their letters whenever they are writing.

By the end of the year there are **common exception words** which the children are expected to be able to read and spell accurately. These are available on the school website for you to practise with your child.

We will also set half term homework challenges to complete throughout the term. These tasks will link to our topics in school.

Reading

We will soon be assessing your child's reading and phonic knowledge.



Children should be bringing their book bag to school every day, which will soon include their reading book and reading journal.

The books will be changed regularly and we will be able to read any comments you have made in their journals.

Please read as often as possible with your children.

The more they read, the sooner they will be 'Over the Rainbow'.

Although we do not comment on your child's reading in their journal, please be assured we do listen to your child read at least once a week.

Physical Education (P.E.)

Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring your child brings their correct P.E. uniform to school on their P.E. days



Year 1 have P.E. on the following days:

1RH – Tuesday and Thursday

1F – Thursday and Friday

1C – Tuesday and Thursday

P.E. may not take place on both of these days but children should be prepared by having their PE uniform in school at all times.



Reminders

If your child is **asthmatic** please could you ensure that they have an inhaler, labelled with their name, in school **at all times!**



As many of you already know, we are a healthy eating school and we would like to remind you that children should be bringing in healthy packed lunches and snacks. It is also very important children have a water bottle in school – we strongly encourage children to drink plenty of water throughout the day. Water helps keep them hydrated but also improves their levels of concentration and learning.



It is important to ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. This includes coats, PE kits and lunch-bags.

We have lots of events and parental engagement activities planned for this term. We have outlined them below. More information including dates and times will follow soon.

Special Events

Another special event being held this term is Grandparents day. We are celebrating Grandparents day by inviting them into school to complete some wonderful activities with us.

During December we will be asking children and parents to indulge in their creative side as we take part in a range of festive craft. Get ready for lots of glitter and sparkle!

Parental Engagement

We are hopeful that within the next few weeks we will be able to deliver a parental engagement with a focus on Maths. This will take place after school and will be an opportunity for you to see how the children will learn maths skills and the resources they'll be using.

Later on, in the term there will be another parental engagement with a focus of phonics and reading. This will also take place after school and will be an opportunity for you to see how the children use and apply phonic skills and an opportunity for the children to share their favourite books with you.

Dates for your Diary

Dates	Events
Thursday 7 th October	Individual photos
Wednesday 20 th October	Parent/Carer evening
Thursday 21 st October	Parent/Carer evening
Friday 22 nd October	Last day of term
Half Term (Monday 25th – Friday 29th October)	
Monday 1 st November	Back to school
Friday 10 th December	Christmas jumper day
Friday 17 th December	Last day of term

Yours sincerely
The Year 1 Team
Mrs Eckley-Gardner (Assistant Head)