



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 us, your child's class teachers or the assistant headteacher. 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

1S – Miss Stanford

Supported by Mrs Arnold and Mrs Nichols

(PPA cover: Mrs Rutterford will teach every Wednesday morning)

1LP – Miss Preece (Monday and Tuesday) and Miss Lloyd (Wednesday - Friday)

Supported by Miss Burrows

1E – Mrs Elliott

Supported by Mrs Robinson

(PPA cover: Mrs E. Lynch will teach every other Wednesday)

Mrs Eckley-Gardner – Assistant Head and English and Maths Coordinator

Mrs Hough - SENCO

We are excited to get to know all of the children and families.

If you wish to speak to your child's teacher at the end of the school day, please wait until other pupils have been dismissed. We will always be happy to speak to you.

Curriculum and topic this term:



English: Holiday and weekend news. Lists, labels and captions. Rosie's Walk.

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 term is: Is the weather always wonderful? – Geography – Weather

R.E: Our R.E questions for this term are: Who made the world? Who is Jewish and how do they live?

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 use pre-cursive handwriting during their time in Year 1.

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.

To begin our Year 1 journey, we will continue to communicate through weekly class updates via Tapestry, until further notice. We will also set half term homework challenges to complete throughout. 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 on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday 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, this should stay in school all half term and will be sent home at the end of a half term.



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

1S– Tuesday

1E – Tuesday

1LP – Thursday

Every class will have a PE on their allocated day but may also have another fitness session each week.



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

In the second half term, we hope to be able to invite parents/carers in to school so that the children can show you what they have been learning about the weather, in the form of a short assembly.

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 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.

Later on, in the term there will be another 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.

Details of the above events will be shared in due course

Dates for your Diary

Dates	Events
Thursday 28 th October	Phonics Workshop
Wednesday 25 th October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 26 th October	Parents' Evening
Friday 28 th October	Last day of term
Half Term (Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November)	
Monday 6 th November	Back to school
Thursday 16 th November	Maths Workshop
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Crafts
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Concert
Thursday 21 st December	Last day of term

Yours sincerely
The Year 1 Team