



Welcome to Year 1 at HPS September 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a lovely, restful summer! I'm sure that many children (and parents!) will be keen to get back into a routine again and we can't wait to welcome you back.

There will be a 'Meet the Teacher' open evening for parents to 'drop in' to visit your child's classroom from 3:30 to 5:00 pm on Tuesday 10th September.

Teaching days:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning: Polar Bears - Mrs Lane and Pandas - Mrs Burgess

Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday: Polar Bears - Miss Miller and Pandas - Mrs Kaliski

The teaching assistant team across both classes will be Mrs Lightwing, Mrs Marchant and Miss Sue. Below, we have provided an overview of the curriculum for the Autumn term and some other useful information but do ask if you would like any further details and keep an eye on our Year 1 page on the school website, which will be updated shortly.

We look forward to meeting you all again on **Wednesday 6th September**. We will be on the playground from around 8:35 am and will line the children up and take them in soon after 8:40 am. School will end at 3:15 pm.

Miss Miller, Mrs Lane, Mrs Burgess, Mrs Kaliski (PB and Panda teachers) and Mrs Lightwing, Mrs Marchant and Miss Sue (PB and Panda teaching assistants)

PE

Polar Bears PE days - Thursday and Friday

Panda PE days - Wednesday and Friday



General Reminders

- Children should bring in their own **water bottle** to keep in class which they can access throughout the day. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle and that the water is changed regularly.
- Please ensure ALL clothing and equipment are named, especially jumpers, cardigans and even shoes. We had a lot of lost property last year.
- Children will continue to order their **lunch** in the morning at registration; **it is helpful if the children have looked at and discussed the menu at home in the morning if ordering a school lunch!** The Spring/Summer menu continues into October.
[Norse-Catering-Primary-School-Spring-Summer-Menu-2024-ALL-OPTIONS.pdf](https://norsecatering.co.uk/Norse-Catering-Primary-School-Spring-Summer-Menu-2024-ALL-OPTIONS.pdf)
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- It would be great if you can send in a pair of **wellies** with your child. Ideally these are best kept in school for the year, as it means we are always prepared for play outside, even on more drizzly days!
- Please ensure that your child has a **spare change of clothes**, including underwear and socks, to keep in school just in case of accidents.

Our Autumn term curriculum

Maths - we begin our Maths scheme ('Maths no Problem') which is used throughout the school from year 1. In the Autumn term, this covers numbers to 10 then 20 (including addition and subtraction bonds), position, shape and pattern.

Phonics - we continue with the 'Little Wandle' phonics scheme begun in Reception. Details for this term are on the website.

English - nouns, adjectives and verbs, simple sentences, poetry and performance unit - nurse rhymes, writing unit based on the text - 'A Superhero Like You'

Geography - introducing maps, including simple map making of our new classroom and the building.

History - personal chronologies (comparing the 'timelines' of children's lives to older people). Later in the term, we will be requesting photos from every/some year (s) of your child's life, if possible!

Science - we begin our 'Seasonal Changes' unit by looking at Autumn. Feel free to send any interesting Autumnal items from nature that you may find!



Art/D.T - Mrs Chamberlain will teach Art on a Tuesday (both classes), beginning with portraits and focussing on drawing skills.

PE - multiskills, then gymnastics

RE - what do Christians believe that God is like?

PSHE - **PATHS** (Promoting Alternative Thinking Skills) - understanding a range of 'comfortable' and uncomfortable' feelings, making good choice and problem solving.

Music - developing the skill of sensing a steady beat (within a 'Numbers' theme)

Computing - technology around us



Contacting us

When emailing us, it's helpful to include both class teachers, to ease communication, especially for more important matters.

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