



Welcome to Year 2 at HPS September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you've all had a lovely summer and have been able to enjoy all the glorious weather. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you and your children back to school and settling them back into school routines.

Pandas

Mrs Cooper will be in class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Simons on Thursdays and Fridays.

Polar Bears

Mrs Lane will be in class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings and Miss Miller on Wednesday afternoons, Thursdays and Fridays.

We will always be available in the playground after school for any quick questions but in the mornings our main focus is getting the children settled for their day. Please feel free to email us with any questions or queries. However, when emailing us, please include both class teachers on the email.

There will be a 'Meet the Teacher' open evening for parents to 'drop in' to visit your child's classroom from **3:30 to 5:15 on Thursday 4th September**.

We hope that you find the information below helpful and in the coming weeks as we settle down into a learning routine, our curriculum map with all our topics on will be available on the school website.

Best wishes, Mrs Simons, Mrs Cooper, Miss Miller, Mrs Lane

PE

PE for both classes is on Wednesday and Thursday. Children should wear PE kit to school on these days.



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. [Menu here](#)
- 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.
- In Year 2, no toys are to be brought in to school. They can be distracting and we wish to avoid the children becoming upset or distressed if they get lost or broken.
- All stationery will be provided in class for the children's needs, so they do not need to bring their own pencil cases.

Autumn Term Curriculum

Maths – We continue to follow a scheme called 'Maths no Problem' which is used throughout the school. In the Autumn term, this covers numbers to 100 (including addition and subtraction), multiplication and division (2s, 5s and 10s). **We continue to encourage (and reward!) the use of Numbots at home.**

English - Our first unit is a fiction text focusing on characters in the story "Troll Swap" and our second unit will be based on writing a non-chronological report based on the text "The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark".

Phonics – We complete the year 1 programme in the first part of the Autumn term– see attached

Science – 'Everyday materials' involving hands on activities, comparing different materials and discussing their properties.

History – We will be looking at significant people in the world of nursing, namely Florence Nightingale, Edith Cavell and Mary Seacole.

Geography – Looking at the UK and finding countries on the map, making maps and looking at continents and oceans.

Religion & Worldviews– We will be studying "Deities" focusing on who is a Christian and what do they believe.

Art – Craft and Design Unit: Map it out.

D.T. – Structures based on baby bear's chair and, for Christmas, making pop-up cards.

PATHS – Establishing a positive classroom environment.

Computing – Creating media.

Music – Developing a steady beat using Music Express.

P.E. – Multi Skills for both sessions followed by Gymnastics.

French – "Superheroes" and "Seasons".

Reading

Little Wandle

At the beginning of year 2, we continue to follow the year 1 model of 3 group reads a week in class, linked to the Little Wandle scheme. These books will be changed on a **Friday**. During the Autumn term, some children will gradually progress to a wider choice and more independent reading. Over the year, many children will have exited the Little Wandle reading scheme.

Sharing books

In year 2, the children will visit the school library to choose their sharing books from a wider range, guided by the school librarian. This session will take place on a **Wednesday**.

Wider reading/ story

Although we read to the children regularly at school, we encourage you to share stories with your child at home because research shows that at around the age of seven years children begin to genuinely understand that reading is a pleasurable, entertaining activity.

To aid you with your support of your child's reading, don't forget there is a wonderful, free and well-resourced library in Hethersett to encourage your child's increasing love of reading.

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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