



Welcome to Year 2 at HPS January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you've all had a lovely Christmas and wish you all a very happy New Year. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you and your children back to school and settling them back into school routines.

Penguins

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

Puffins

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.

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.



Swimming

Puffins will begin swimming lessons on 13th January with half of the class. More details will follow tomorrow! Penguins will swim after half term.

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!**
- 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.

Spring Term Curriculum

Maths – We continue to follow a scheme called 'Maths no Problem' which is used throughout the school. In the Spring term, we will be covering fractions of whole numbers and quantities, learning to count in halves, quarters and thirds. We are also looking at 2D and 3D shapes before moving onto our units on time, money and pictograms

English - Our first unit is a fiction text focusing on an adventure within the story "The Dragon Machine" and our second unit will be writing a diary based on the text "Major Glad and Major Dizzy".

Phonics – We move to a spelling focus and we will now no longer be completing a spelling test on Fridays. Details to follow.

Science – Our unit this term is 'Animals including Humans' and we will be focusing on how humans change as they grow from babies to become adults. The children will also learn about different animal offspring and lifecycles.

Geography – We will be comparing the United Kingdom to the Caribbean, focusing on the human and physical geographical features of London, Kingstown (the capital of St. Vincent) and Norwich.

History – Samuel Pepys and the Great Fire of London.

Religion & Worldviews– We will be studying "Creation" focusing on what Genesis tells Christians about God.

Art – Painting – A life in colour

D.T. – Food technology – healthy eating

PATHS – Self-control and anger management, Anger management and problem solving and Friendship and feeling lonely.

Computing – IT around us (computing systems).

Music – Number which focuses on beats and rhythms and Animals which helps the children to understand pitch.

P.E. – Gymnastics – Wednesday lesson. Movement to music – Thursday lesson. Swimming – details to follow.

French – "Superheroes" and "Seasons"

Reading

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This term your child will bring home a reading book on **Fridays** starting **9th January**. Please look in the front of the book for the section marked "Reading at home" to help you to enjoy and share this book with your child.

They will have a regular library session (on a Tuesday) where they'll be able to choose fiction and non-fiction books to share with you at home.

We also encourage children to read widely outside of our school colour banded material too. We have a variety of class books available to read in school and a much larger school library. Any 'free' reading can also be recorded in the yellow reading record books.

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.

Various recommendation lists are available online if needed including:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/1/100-best-books-6-8/>

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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