



Welcome to Year 2 at HPS September 2026



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.

Penguins

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

Puffins

Mrs Lane will be in class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings and Mrs Kaliski 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.

To help promote consistency, positive behaviour and smooth transitions throughout the day, children will line up in register order and move around the school in this way. Children will also line up before entering classrooms from outdoor areas to ensure a calm and focused start to learning.

There will be a 'Meet the Teacher' open evening for parents to 'drop in' to visit your child's classroom from **3:30 to 5pm on Tuesday 8th 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.

PE



PE for Penguin class will be on **Tuesday and Wednesday** and for Puffin class it will be 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](#)
- 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 including show and tell. 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 half of the Autumn term.

Spelling – In the second half of the Autumn term we focus on Pathways to Spell following the whole school approach to spelling.

Religion & Worldviews– In the first Autumn half term we will be studying "Deities" focusing on who is a Christian and what do they believe. In the second Autumn half term we will focus on the life of Jesus and why Christmas matters to Christians.

P.E. – Multi Skills, ball skills and rugby fundamentals.

Starting this September, the following subjects will be taught using the Kapow curriculum:

Science
History
Geography
Art
D.T.
RSE and PSHE
Computing
Music

Please see the class page on the school website for the fact files which show the learning content of these subjects.

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** for Penguins and on a **Tuesday** for Puffins.

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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