

Tuesday 20th April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back and hope you had an enjoyable Easter break.

Curriculum:

During the Summer Term we will be continuing to focus on our 'recovery curriculum', supporting childrens mental and physical wellbeing and securing their skills from the current curriculum and that of the last academic year. Please refer to the curriculum overview sheet for more details about what Year 1 will be covering this half term.

PE

Our class will have PE on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. On these days, children can still wear their PE kit to school.

- Shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms - black
- Plain white T-shirt (no large print or design please)
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Socks
- Tracksuits may be worn for outside PE during colder weather
- No earrings or jewellery to be worn for PE.

Please can all items of PE kit and school uniform be named (even if written on the label with biro).

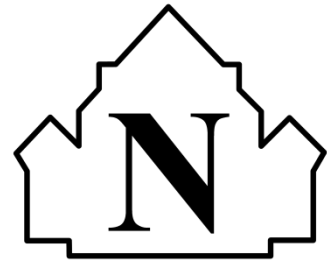
Outdoor Learning

Our class outdoor learning will still take place on a Wednesday afternoon. We will be using the various outdoor spaces on the school site to support our learning in all areas of the curriculum. On Wednesdays, please make sure that your child has their coat in school as well as a change of suitable footwear due to the wet and/or muddy conditions. Please make sure these are labelled with your child's name.

Reading:

It is expected that children engage in reading activities at home at least 5 times per week. In school, your child will have group reading activities during daily Read Write Inc sessions. Childrens books will be changed during these sessions which will either be every 3 or 5 days depending on the story being read in the group. Pupils will have a library slot on Monday afternoon where they can select a book to bring home that they can read for pleasure and record in their reading records too. New books cannot be taken from the library until the previous book has been returned so please make sure pupils bring their library book to school on Monday.

Reading records will be checked on a **Monday**. Please make sure that your child has their record in school on this day because this is the only day that they will be checked for reading points towards the reading reward scheme.



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Homework:

In addition to reading 5 times a week, we will now be setting five weekly spellings. These can be practised on Spelling Shed or written out on paper. We will also practise every day in school as part of our English lesson. These spellings will be shared on Dojo with our Monday post. To help children remember their spellings, we will be deliberately including spellings from the previous list. This will mean that children will only have three new ones to learn each week. This will start on Monday 26th April.

Age Appropriate Gaming and Screen Time:

Many children spend a large amount of time using electronic devices and accessing computer games that are not age appropriate. As a proud Healthy Schools Award holder we would like to remind parents and carers that children are advised to spend **no more than 2 hours a day** in front of a screen (TV/ PC/ Laptop/ Tablet/ Smart phone/etc).

Open Door Policy:

We welcome your feedback on any aspect of your child's time in Hendra class. The class teacher will greet the children at the door each morning and the teaching assistant will dismiss at the end of the day where quick messages can be given. If you need to discuss something with us which requires more time, please speak to the office who will contact us. Also, you can use the messaging facility on ClassDojo. This messaging is a private conversation between the class teacher and the child's parent.

We are very much looking forward to the term ahead and thank you for your continued support.

Miss Morrison, Miss Morton, Miss Rosevear and Mr Bacon
Hendra Team

