



Highwood Primary School

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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

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Welcome to Year One

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year One,

Welcome back, we hope you have had a restful Summer break. We want to make the transition to Year One as smooth as possible to ensure that your children are happy and feel safe and secure within a familiar learning environment. In the Autumn term the structure of the day will be very similar to that of Reception. The children will have teacher-led sessions followed by adult directed, independent and practical activities. They will also continue to engage in child initiated learning. The timing of the teacher-led sessions will gradually increase so that by Autumn 2 they will be ready for more formal learning.

Meet the team

Elm 1



Miss Emma Schumacher
Class Teacher



Mrs Denise Mullan
Teaching Assistant

Pine 1



Miss Patience Nleya
Class Teacher



Mrs Keshy Trundle
Teaching Assistant

KS1 Phase leader



Miss Lynda Marriott
*Phase leader
Assistant
Headteacher*

Reading books

The children are expected to read every day. Reading books will be changed on a Monday and a Wednesday if the reading record has been signed and each book has been read twice.

PE days

Please ensure your child's PE kit is named and has the following;

- Trainers (preferably Velcro)
- Jogging bottoms or shorts (blue or black)
- Warm top (blue or black)
- T-Shirt (colour of house)
- Socks

Elm 1 – Miss Schumacher	Pine 1 – Miss Nleya
Friday- Indoor	Thursday - Indoor
Tuesday- Outdoor	Wednesday - Outdoor

Library

Library days are Monday for Pine 1 and Wednesday for Elm 1. Children can choose two books to take home for that week and return the following week. Please note they will not be able to take out new books without returning the previous ones.

Home learning

At the beginning of the year your child will receive a Home Learning Journal and there will be a new Home Learning Grid every half term. There will be a choice of nine activities to complete - preferably one a week. There are a variety of tasks that reflect our learning throughout the half term. Please sign and date the grid weekly once your child has completed each activity. Please ensure that your child hands their home learning in every Tuesday to be marked.

Literacy and Topic

During the Autumn term we will be starting formal Literacy lessons focussing on introducing narrative using stories with familiar settings such as; 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'The Magic Key'. Our topics this term are 'Wonderful me' and 'Wild things' where we will be learning using cross-curricular links including poetry, labelling, recounts and portraits. For more detail please see the Curriculum Map.

Phonics screening

This year we will be working towards the Phonics Screening Check; a statutory assessment which takes place in all Primary schools in June. This is where the children will be tested on their phonic knowledge and how they apply this to read words. During the Spring term you will be invited to an information meeting about the check.

Trips

This year we will be going on many trips around our local area to Knutsford Playing Fields and a local walk to see different types of houses.

Autumn term - Whipsnade Zoo to explore animal classification on Thursday 9th November.

Spring term - V&A museum of childhood to explore and compare toys past and present.

Summer term - Hudnall Park to explore plant life cycles and creating art with natural resources

Sharing Assemblies

You are invited to sharing assemblies where we will be sharing all of our wonderful learning from the Autumn and Spring term coming terms.

Elm 1: Friday 8th December 2017

Pine 1: Friday 2nd February 2017

We welcome parents in the classroom. If you would like to help by listening to children read or if you have any other special talents you could share please let us know.

Thank you,

The Y1 team

Miss Patience Nleya, Miss Emma Schumacher, Mrs Denise Mullan, Mrs Keshy Trundle