



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 duration of the teacher led sessions will gradually increase as they become ready for formal learning.

Meet the team

Elm 1 - Miss Marriott and Mrs Coggon

Pine 1 - Miss Gowers

Support Staff

Miss Traynor

Mrs Marshall

Reading and Library books

At Highwood, the children are expected to read at least three times a week. Reading and library books will be changed fortnightly on a Monday. In order to allow the books to be quarantined the children will need to return their reading and library books on the Thursday prior to their upcoming visit to the library on the following Monday. An example of this schedule is shown below. We ask that the reading journal is signed by an adult at home to show they have read their reading scheme books. In the reading journal, there are also weekly reading challenges for you to complete with your child at home. We will not be able to return or swap any late library books. Please note that they will not be able to take out new books without returning the previous ones.

<u>Library and reading books sent home</u>	<u>Library and reading books returned to school</u>
	Thursday 10 th September – if you have any books at home since school closure
Monday 14 th September	Thursday 24 th September
Monday 28 th September	Thursday 8 th October
Monday 12 th October	Thursday 22 nd October
Half term	



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<u>Library and reading books sent home</u>	<u>Library and reading books returned to school</u>
Monday 2 nd November	Thursday 12 th November
Monday 16 th November	Thursday 26 th November
Monday 30 th November	Thursday 10 th December

P.E. day

From Monday 14th September, please ensure your child comes to school in their P.E. kit every Monday.

The P.E. kit should include:

Trainers (Velcro if your child is not yet able to tie their own laces)

Jogging bottoms or shorts (blue or black)

Warm top (blue or black)

T-Shirt (colour of house)

Socks

And they can also wear their coat when the days get colder.

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 checked. We will then send the book home on a Thursday.

Phonics screening

Phonics is a vital part of our Year 1 teaching and all children should be practising their phonic sounds regularly alongside their reading. 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, we will be providing you with more information about the check.

Thank you, the Year 1 team

Miss Marriott, Mrs Coggon, Miss Gowers, Miss Traynor, Mrs Marshall