

HERTFORD ST ANDREW
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
CALTON AVENUE
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15th September 2023

Curriculum Letter Autumn Term - Year 1

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Hazel Class. Year 1 have settled in brilliantly and seem to be enjoying their time in their new environment. Transition from Early Years is often tricky in the first few weeks with children learning new rules and boundaries; please do not worry if they seem tired they will soon adjust. Please see our Curriculum map which outlines what your children will be learning in the term ahead.



Staff

Year 1 will be taught by Mrs Terris from Monday to Thursday and by Miss Hackett on Fridays. The class will be supported in their learning each day by different teaching assistants, including Miss Romagnoli, Mrs Caruana and Mrs Manns.

Clothing

Please check the uniform guidelines and ensure your child is correctly dressed. Things are often misplaced in school so please ensure all clothing is clearly named. We spend a lot of time exploring outdoors and are often outside in all weathers at playtime so please provide a waterproof jacket and suitable footwear. Children can change into wellies for playtimes and you may choose to leave a pair at school.



PE

PE will be taught on Wednesdays and Fridays this term and children are allowed to wear their PE kits for school on these days. Please ensure your child has a **full PE kit** with shoes they can manage independently in school and that the clothing meets the uniform guidelines as they will be asked to change if not.



Reading

Supporting your child's reading at home and exploring books together has a huge positive impact on their reading development. We follow Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised for Phonics and early reading. Children will read in a group with adults three times a week using the same book and focusing on the following areas: decoding, prosody and comprehension. Once they have completed these 'three reads' the book will be set as an e-book for your child to read to you at home. Please don't worry that this book is too easy, it is important they feel confident as a reader and that they can read to your fluently and using expression. Children will also bring home a sharing book which is for you to read to or with them to promote a love of reading.



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Pro-Social behaviours

As a school, we focus on promoting prosocial behaviours. All children are encouraged to show such behaviours in and around the school. These include showing courtesy, kindness, respecting the rights and responsibilities of others and demonstrating positive learning behaviours.



Snacks and drinks

Healthy snacks such as fruit or chopped vegetables are allowed in school. Please do not send chocolate cereal bars, crisps or sugary snacks for your child's snack. In Year 1, the school provides a healthy snack for all children and we also offer bagels. Please contact the school office if you would like add your child to the milk list, several children have been expressing their interest in having milk this year. All children should bring a water bottle that only contains water.



Home learning

Every child has a Home Learning book which will be sent home each week. Please help your child to complete the activities set, it will develop skills the children have been learning in class. If there are any questions, please talk to us about the activity. Home learning will be set on a Thursday and is due in on the following Tuesday.



Merit Marks

I am sure that by now you have all heard about the 'eggs' we are using to record merit marks awarded to the children. We are using an online system to count how many merits are given out and each child has a character that will hatch from it's egg in the next few days. It is a great way to count how many merit marks children are awarded both in class and around the school.



Contact

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or queries about your child. The best way to do this is to use the teacher email account and then we can make an appointment to talk. The email is teacher@hertfordstandrew.herts.sch.uk



Diary Date

There will be a 'Meet the Teacher' meeting at 3:30pm on Wednesday 20th September 2023 in the Year 1 classroom.

We very much look forward to working with you and your child and supporting them in the best way that we can.

Kind regards,

Mrs Terris

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