

HERTFORD ST ANDREW
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Curriculum Letter Spring Term - Year 1

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new term and a new year! May I take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity to the Year 1 team at Christmas, we appreciate it greatly. The children have settled back in brilliantly and are showing responsible behaviours in the classroom. 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 Miss Miller all day and Mrs Brace-Day in the afternoons. Miss Romagnoli will be delivering interventions on Mondays and Thursdays.

Clothing and PE

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. As you are aware we are now changing for PE ahead of our lessons to develop the children's skills at changing quickly. 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. This should be brought to school on Monday and taken home on Friday. Please use a drawstring PE bag as space in our cloakroom is limited.

Cloakroom

Unfortunately our cloakroom is extremely small and we need to make it more accessible for the children. As a result, I need to ask you to please change the bags your children bring to school. Going forward could all children please bring their PE kit in a drawstring bag and bring a separate book bag for your child's reading materials to be stored in, this will be stored in a box and means that reading books are fully accessible across the day. We can no longer store back packs in the cloakroom as children are unable to hang up their coats.



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Reading

We are currently improving our reading provision to enable us to send books home. Until that point, e-books will continue to be set to enable your child to read at home. The book set will be fully decodable which means your child will read with lots of confidence, it is not too easy for them...it is giving them the opportunity to show you how fabulous they are at reading! A sharing book will continue to come home. Guided reading sessions with adults will continue to teach your child the skills they need to become fluent readers. Please continue supporting your child's reading at home and exploring books together has a huge positive impact on their reading development.

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. 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.

House Points

We are continuing to collect house points and the house groups now all have new patrons associated with their colours.

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

Parents evening is coming up on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th February. Please ensure you book an appointment when booking goes live and I look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress.

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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