

Welcome to Year 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

All of us in Year 1 would like to welcome you and your child back to a new school year. We are delighted that the children have settled well into their new classes and are confident that they will have a happy time in Year 1. We look forward to getting to know you and your child better over the coming weeks.

Mrs McLeod, Mr Young, Mrs Thompson and Miss Cross

Here are the topics we will cover in the Autumn Term:

English Alphabet activities, traditional tales and stories with familiar rhymes and patterns. Focus: writing lists, speech bubbles, sequencing stories, labels, writing instructions.	Maths Place value Addition and subtraction	Science Ourselves – The human body, including body parts, face parts and the senses. The seasons and weather	History Toys from the past and present Geography The Locality
R.E Importance of hands/ helping New beginnings	Art Drawing and painting skills Paul Klee – self-portraits, collage and colour mixing	Music Music Express Exploring sounds, beat, pitch Harvest songs	Computing Purple Mash E-books We are Celebrating
P.E. Gymnastics Games – individual and team games	D.T. Designing and making a fire station	Jigsaw Being Me in My World Celebrating Difference	

Reading Books

Your child will get a home practise reading card and book (appropriate to your child's level of ability). Please listen to your child read regularly and fill in the date, title of the book and comments boxes. Please do not hesitate to come and see your child's class teacher if you are concerned in any way about your child's reading.

At the start of the year, it is not unusual for children to take home a book that they have previously read. In Year 1, the children choose their own home practise reader

books from a set determined by the class teacher, and after the long summer break, sometimes children benefit from returning to familiar books to gain confidence.

We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child has their home practise reading book and reading card in school every day. Bug Club books will be allocated once your child has read the whole book with their class teacher.

Homework

Homework will be posted on the school website www.blackhorsehillinfant.co.uk on a Friday and should be returned to school and put in the homework tray by Wednesday. **It will be marked on Wednesday. If homework is brought in later than Wednesday, it may not be marked that week.**

Letters

Please help your child to become more independent by encouraging them to give the teacher any signed forms themselves. We will remind them each morning to check their bags.

P.E.

Mr Young's class will usually have P.E. on a **Monday** and **Thursday**.
Mrs McLeod's class will usually have P.E. on **Monday** and **Wednesday**.

Please can you make sure that your child has a P.E. kit in school and all items are named.

When the weather is fine, we do some of our P.E. sessions outside. Please can you make sure that your child has a pair of pumps or trainers in school.

Celebration Assembly

Celebration Assembly takes place on a **Wednesday**. Children are welcome to bring in recent certificates/ medals / trophies that they wish to show.

Water Bottles

The children can bring in water bottles and keep them in the tray provided. Please make sure that the bottles are named. There is also a water fountain in school.

School Website and Twitter

Keep checking our school website and Twitter for any school updates.

www.blackhorsehillinfant.co.uk

Twitter: @BHHInfant