

Read Write Inc and Phonics

Children will continue to have daily Read Write Inc lesson where they learn phonic sounds. Children will be placed in a group matched to their phonic knowledge and will have a Read Write Inc tutor. These groups are small and allow children to be heard to read on a daily basis. In the Summer Term all Year 1 children have a national phonic screening check where they are tested on their ability to read real and 'alien' words.

Maths

Our focus in Maths in Year 1 is to develop a firm understanding of numbers to 20 to understand the place value of the digits as well as counting and recognising numbers to 100. We also place a high emphasis on developing quick recall of addition and subtraction facts up to 10. It would be useful to download the White Rose Maths 1 minute maths app onto your phone or a tablet as we use this for homework and developing quick mental maths skills.

Forest Schools

All children in year one will have a 6 week block of Forest Schools in the Year 1 Forest School area which is on site. Your child will bring home a letter informing them when it is their turn. On Forest School day children who are taking part should wear their school shoes and Forest Schools clothes. Welly boots should be brought in a bag to change into.

Theme

At the beginning of each half term we will send out details of our new topic and inform you of any important dates. In the Autumn term our first topic is Paint a Rainbow where we explore colours and the way different artists use them.

THANK YOU

Highwoods C P School 2022-2023



Year 1

Mrs Corton, Mrs Roberts
and Mrs Harbord

Welcome to Year 1

Teachers

1CH is taught by Mrs Harbord on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Corton Wednesday to Friday. 1R is taught by Mrs Roberts.

Learning Support Assistants (LSAs)

Mrs Angira, Mrs Moutell, Miss King provide extra support for children in class.

Daily Routine

Class doors open at 8.40 am and close at 8.45am when the register is taken. In Year 1 children come into the classroom by themselves carrying their own equipment. If children arrive after 8.50am they will need to enter the school via the office. Lunch is at 11.45 am until 12.45pm and the school day ends at 3pm.

Classroom Organisation

In order to aid transition between the Foundation Stage and Year 1 we continue to offer a mixture of whole class, focused group and individual teaching alongside free play. Whole class teaching sessions are gradually increased as the year progresses as and when children are ready. Children are organised into table groups for activities such as snack and whole class handwriting. These are named after woodland animals this year.

Uniform

All uniform should be clearly labelled and shoes should be smart and black. Jewellery should not be worn to school except for a small watch (not a smartwatch) and earring studs. Earrings should be small plain studs. Hairbands and hair scrunchies should be also be small and in school uniform colours. Please practise putting on shoes/socks, doing up coat zips etc. with your child so that they can do this independently.

Medicines

If your child is asthmatic, please provide a named inhaler that your child can keep in class and can take outside for PE. All other medicines must be administered by office staff.

Water and Snack

It is important that children drink throughout the day to stay hydrated so we provide water in the classroom. A named bottle of plain water should be brought in daily to keep in class. If your child has a packed lunch they will need a water bottle to keep in the classroom as well as a drink in their lunchbox because these are kept in the school hall. Please can water-bottles have a sports cap lid rather than a screw on lid. No juice or flavoured water please. Children will be provided with free fruit or vegetables to eat during snack time.

PE

Our PE days are Monday (outdoor PE) and Friday (indoor PE). PE kit consists of navy shorts, house coloured T-shirt, and trainers for outdoor PE. In cold weather it will be necessary to provide a navy sweatshirt and navy jogging bottoms. Jewellery cannot be worn in PE in any circumstances. Earrings must be taken out at home. We are unable to do this in school. Long hair must be tied back for safety reasons. Again please label all items clearly. At the moment children wear their PE kit to school on their PE days. On Fridays when it is indoor PE children can wear their school shoes as gym/dance is done in bare feet.

Communication

Please use the year group email (year1@highwoodsprimary.com) to inform us of any issues in the morning or to request a longer chat after school. We are available to discuss any concerns or queries you have after 3.05pm. Please let us know via email in the morning if a different adult is picking up your child after school. Please avoid phoning the office unless you are unexpectedly delayed. Please give us a wave when we send your child out, it really helps us to find each child's parents/carers especially in the first few weeks.

Homework

Homework consists of regular daily reading and weekly spellings. These will be sent home in a folder on a Friday. Please return on a Wednesday. We may also put suggestions for Maths activities onto the homework sheet using websites or simple games. We would ask that all parents download the White Rose Maths app as this supports mental maths skills and we will suggest activities to use on this app for homework.

Behaviour

Our behaviour expectations are built around the Highwoods High 5. We expect children to be honest, responsible, kind, respectful and positive. We have a good work assembly every week where we reward children with a certificate for 'great work or behaviour'.

Reading

Please use a school book bag rather than a back pack for reading books as we do not have room to store backpacks in the classroom. Please comment and sign the record book when you read with your child. We aim to change books weekly. Children will also bring home their Read Write Inc book to read with you once they have read it in school.