

Curriculum Information Year 1

Autumn 2023



We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and are excited to begin your learning journey in year 1. We have lots of fun in store.

During the first half term we will be focusing on History learning about how we have changed and the children will create a timeline of them.

In Year 1, we will now be having PE on Wednesday and Friday so please could children come to school in their PE kits on these days.

The Year 1 Library day will be a Wednesday, please bring your books to swap each week.

Reading books will be changed on Mondays and all children will read at least 3 times a week in school. Books need to be in school every day please.

Maths

Our first unit in maths will be learning about place value—really securing our knowledge of how much numbers are worth, ordering and comparing numbers.

Next we will focus on addition and subtraction consolidating learning from reception and ensuring all children are secure using practical and drawn methods to help them to solve problems.

Our last unit in the first half term will be shape. We will look at recognising, naming and describing 2D and 3D shapes and will use shapes to create patterns.

Maths lessons will take place every day and children will use a lot of practical resources to support them.

To help at home please encourage them to use the NumBots app (passwords can be found in their reading records).

English

Our first text will be "Stanley's Stick". This book is great for developing children's imaginations and encouraging them to begin to use more descriptive language.

We will be consolidating our writing skills learnt in reception including the use of capital letters, full stops and finger spaces as well as increasing the range of adjectives we can use in our writing.

Children will continue to read in small groups and individually weekly in school. Please ensure that their reading book is in school every day.

Later in the half term we will be working on writing letters, recounts and poems.

Science

This half term in science we are going to be learning "All about me!" This unit focuses on humans looking at our bodies and how they work as well as understanding our senses. We will be using a range of scientific enquiry skills including observation, asking questions and investigating as well as planning and carrying out simple experiments to develop our skills of prediction and drawing conclusions.

As part of this topic we are planning to end with a visit to Eureka to celebrate all that we have learned about our bodies. More details will be sent in a separate letter.

ICT

Our first unit in computing will be online safety. The children will be taught about the importance of not sharing passwords and how to ensure that they keep their work safely stored. They will have the opportunity to explore different programmes within purple mash. We will then move onto a unit focusing on using technology to group and sort. Computing will take place weekly on Fridays but children will have their passwords to allow them to use purple mash at home to practice the skills taught.

History

In History the children will think about the big question 'How have I changed?'

The children will discuss what they were like as a baby, a toddler and now a young child and compare the skills they have learnt throughout their life.

The children will order events in their life to create their own timeline.

Please look at family photographs together and use language 'when I was younger, when you are older, now, then, a long time ago'.

Geography

In Geography, the children will work towards answering the big question 'Where do I live?'

The children will use fieldwork and observational skills to learn about the geography of their school grounds. They will take a local walk around Harden village and identify human and physical features.

The children will use simple maps and begin to use directional language to describe position.

Art/DT

In Art, the children will develop drawing skills and learn to sketch by creating a self portrait. The children will use a range of media including pencils, wax crayons and chalk.

In Autumn 2, the children will develop their textile skills in DT. The children will cut fabric, join materials and do simple stitches in order to make their own Christmas decoration.

PE

This half term we will be working on fundamentals of movement—moving in different ways, dodging, changing direction and balancing. We will also be doing ball skills practising, sending and receiving balls in different ways.

These sessions will be on a **WEDNESDAY** and **FRIDAY** so please remember to come in your kit on these days!

Music

Our music unit for the first half term will be based around a fun, cumulative song with off-beat rhythms that presents a series of tasty dishes over the course of a week. The activities lead up to the creation of a theatrical group performance using kitchen-themed props. (If anyone is clearing out old pots/pans/utensils we could definitely make use of them!)

PSHE

This half term our focus in PHSE will be on feelings. We will be learning to recognise and express feelings developing awareness of what causes different emotions and how these make our bodies feel. We will be thinking about how we show different feelings and how to manage difficult emotions. This will also be supported by our My Happy Mind sessions.

RE

Our focus for RE this half term is "Which books and stories are special?" We will link it to books that are special to us as well as learning about why the Bible and Qur'an are special and we will become familiar with stories from different faiths.

Homework

Reading - Children are expected to read at home for 10 minutes at least 4 times a week and we would really appreciate it if you could make sure your child's reading book is in school every day. Books will be changed on a Monday and the children will be made aware of this during the first week.

Maths - The children have their NumBots login and are encouraged to access this regularly at home.

If you have any questions please feel free to leave a message with the office and we will get back to you or contact us via email year1@harden.bradford.sch.uk.

Kind regards

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