



PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

PHASE 1 NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th September 2024

WELCOME

Hello and a huge welcome back to our Year 1 and Year 2 families! Let me firstly re-introduce myself, my name is Mrs Chapman, and I will be leading Year 1 and Year 2 this academic year in Phase 1. If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to come and speak to me, I am always at my classroom door in the mornings/afterschool. Alternatively, you can always contact the school office, and I will get back to you as quick as I can.

YEAR ONE

Our fantastic Year 1 team here at Preston Hedge's Primary School is myself; Mrs Chapman (1C) and Miss Knott (1K) supported by the wonderful Mrs Waddington and Mrs Leggett. Mrs Waddington will be teaching in 1K on a Monday and Friday afternoon and in 1C on a Tuesday afternoon and every other Wednesday.

We have been delighted to welcome the children back after the summer break and are very proud of how well they have settled into Year 1.



ENGLISH

For this first half term, we are focusing on writing simple sentences. We will build upon the foundations that the children have learnt in Reception; using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. To begin building more complex sentences by including adjectives to make our sentences more exciting and conjunctions to extend our sentences further. We will use our senses to help us



describe a woodland setting during our first big write. Our non-fiction literacy unit later on in the half term will be based around invitations; the features that are included and practising how to write the perfect invitation.

MATHS

We begin this half term by focusing on the children's basic number skills; 1 to 1 correspondence (counting), number recognition, number composition and number patterns. We will then move on to looking at addition and subtraction skills. These will be introduced practically using lots of different resources before moving onto the abstract concept.



CURRICULUM

Geography



This term in Year 1 our curriculum topic is 'The World Around Us' which aims to use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of the school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment. The children will be exploring all different types of maps (globes, atlases, digital maps) as well as using simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language - for example, near and far; left and right, to describe the location of features and routes on a map. Then, towards the end of this half term the children will be able to use all their new fieldwork skills on our first trip of the year to Irchester Country Park - letter to follow next week!



Science

Our science unit focuses on the weather and seasonal changes. With the changing of the seasons the children will have the opportunity to observe and describe the weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies. As



well as keeping a weather diary to gather and record data a linked to seasonal changes.

Art

This half term in art, we are focusing on drawing skills looking in particular at the natural world. We began the unit by studying 4 artists whose work focusses on the theme of 'The Natural World'; Andy Goldsworthy, Georgia O'Keefe, Nives Palmic and Nils Udo. The children will then be introduced to some key drawing techniques, including mark making using a range of dry media and using shape and tone for purpose. Working up to a final piece of artwork using these new skills.



Computing

This term in computing we are exploring technology around us. We will learn what technology is and start to be able to use laptops, learning where the key components are and how to use them.

Music

Our music topic this term is 'Use Your Body', where we are learning about pulse through body percussion. We will start to recognise the pulse in different pieces of music, before exploring performances by Stomp to see how we can create our own music without instruments.



RE

Throughout Year 1, the children will study the religion Christianity in detail. This half term we are focusing on the core elements of Christianity, asking key questions such as "What is a Christian? Why are they called Christians? What do you find in a church? and What does worship mean?"



PE

Year 1's PE day will be every **Thursday**.



On the day, the children should come to school in their PE kit (please refer to the website for the kit details) and wearing trainers. Please can you also ensure all jewellery has been removed.



Big Outdoors

Just a reminder to bring in your child's **named** Big Outdoors puddle suit and wellies.

1K – Monday PM

IC – Tuesday PM

YEAR TWO

Our wonderful Year 2 team here at Preston Hedge's Primary School are Miss Hipwell (2H) and Miss Phillips (2P) supported by Mrs Andrews and Mrs Morris. Mrs Andrew's teaches in 2H on a Wednesday afternoon and Mrs Morris in 2P on a Thursday afternoon.

A message from Miss Hipwell and Miss Phillips:

What a great start the children have had to Year 2! We have been impressed with how they have settled and are getting used to different routines, even asking when they are going to get homework.



Our first celebration day will be on Tuesday 22nd October a letter with further details will be sent nearer the time.



ENGLISH

In English, we have both a fiction and non-fiction unit. The fiction being a setting description, where the children will have the opportunities to explore, practise and use descriptive language, in particular expanded nouns phrases (adjective, adjective noun) and adverbs.

The non-fiction unit is instructional writing. The children will get to use their knowledge from their curriculum lessons, where they will design and make a pizza, and for English write a set of instructions.



MATHS

During Maths lessons this term, the focus is place value and number. This also involves using the operations, adding and subtracting. The children will use number lines and groupings to support workings.

CURRICULUM

Geography

Our curriculum topic is Tour de Europe, which is a predominately geography-based unit. It is a fantastic way of getting the children to explore the continents, oceans and some capitals of the world. In addition, they will also have the opportunity to find out about different physical features and famous landmarks. The topic incorporates Design and Technology, where they will get the chance to taste and compare some of the famous flavours from different countries in Europe.



Science

Our science topic is Animals including Humans, where the children will explore life cycles, what animals and humans need to survive and anthropometry, which is measuring proportions of humans.



Art

In art the children are focusing on Shape and Space, looking at skills such as continuous line drawing, experimenting with different materials, details through observation and observational drawing.

Computing

Computing this term is looking at what ICT is. The children will look at a variety of ICT resources and learn about how it is used both within school and in the wider community. The children will also look at the rules of using different resources and how to do so safely.

Music

Music, this term consists of learning to recognise the melody in a variety of songs and exploring different types of folk music from different countries.

RE

This half term in RE we are focusing on the Christianity religion, looking at the features of a church both inside and outside and why they are important to Christians. The children will also be looking at the cross symbol and why it is significant.

PE

Year 2's PE day will be every **Monday**.

On the day, the children should come to school in their PE kit (please refer to the website for the kit details) and wearing trainers. Please can you also ensure all jewellery has been removed.



In PE, this term the children are completing dance sessions which focus on teamwork and Flamenco dancing. They will also complete Athletics they will learn the skills of throwing, catching, travelling and jumping correctly and in different ways.



DATES AND REMINDERS

Wednesday 2nd October – Phonics Workshop at 6:30pm

Friday 4th October – Return of Parent Readers. Come into school at 2:45pm and share a story with your child in their classroom.

Thursday 24th October – Year 1 Irchester Country Park Trip.

Tuesday 22nd October – Year 1 celebration afternoon

Tuesday 22nd October – Year 2 celebration day

KEEPING UP TO DATE

Our latest correspondences will be updated onto our school website every Friday. You can view these by visiting our parent page.

<https://www.prestonhedges.northants.sch.uk/>

You can also visit our school Facebook page for photos and videos of our exciting curriculum learning and for any school updates.

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HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND!

Mrs Chapman