



Year One Newsletter



Our vision: 'Life in All its Fullness' (John 10.10) and our Christian Values are the foundations to affect change from within the heart of the community. Children are encouraged to develop strong aspirations educationally, socially, morally and spiritually with a desire to make a positive difference in the world.

Hello and welcome to the first edition of our Year One Newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Mrs Jones, the Key Stage One Leader, my role is to oversee Year One and Year Two and ensure that all the children Key Stage One are reaching their full potential. I look forward to getting to know all of the children in Year One as well as watching the Year Two's grow. Please feel free to come and chat to me when you see me around school and share your thoughts and ideas.



Meet the Year One Team

- Mrs Thurman —Maple Class Teacher
- Mrs Blaber – Maple Class Teaching Assistant
- Miss Parsonage — Fir Class Teacher
- Miss Friar —Fir Class Teaching Assistant

- All children have been provided with a book bag. Please make sure that your child's book bag is in school **everyday**. Sending home regular letters is one of the many ways we communicate with you, so please make sure you check it daily.
- Could you please also ensure that **all** uniform (including coats and P.E. kits) are labelled. This makes it a lot easier for us to return them to you if they go astray.

Dates for the diary

- Tuesday 17th September**– 2.45pm
Welcome to Year One Parents Meeting in Maple Class.
- Wednesday 25th September**– School photographer
- Thursday 26th September** – 9.10am Harvest Assembly
- Thursday 26th September** – 2:45pm McMillan Coffee Afternoon
- Wednesday 23rd October**– Open Evening 3.10pm—5pm
- Friday 25th October** - Break up for half term
- Monday 4th November** - Children return to school
- Tuesday 10th December**—Key Stage 1 trip to Palace Theatre, Redditch
- Friday 20th December**—Break up

P.E.

Maple Class– Wednesday afternoon
Fir Class - Wednesday afternoon

Please ensure that your child has a P.E. kit in school at all times. P.E. kits should contain black shorts, plain white polo neck and black pumps in a named Holly Hill P.E. bag.

Welcome to Year Two Parents Meeting

We would like to invite you into school on Tuesday 17th September at 2:45 pm to meet your child's class teacher and find out more about what your child will be learning in Year One. The meeting will be held in Maple Class.



Homework

This year, we are focussing on Reading and Spelling as our Homework activities.

Reading is at the centre of all our learning and it has an impact on everything your child does. We want our children to become confident and fluent readers and reading at home with your child is an expectation in supporting your child's education.

Daily reading should take place **every night**. Please read with your child for a short period each night (around 10 minutes), encouraging them to sound out unfamiliar words and read with fluency and expression and then take the opportunity to re-read the school reading book and ask questions to improve comprehension skills. Please make a comment in your child's reading record and return this with the reading book daily. Your child will have their reading book changed twice a week.

Spelling is an important part of the National Curriculum and there are many spelling rules that the children need to be able to apply to reach End of Year Expectations. Spelling words will be shared in class each week and sent home for the children as practice. Words will be tested the following week in class.

Who am I?



Our Curriculum Focus this year will challenge the children to do 'All We Can' and, during the Autumn Term, they will be exploring the question, 'Who am I?' and learning about what the human body and mind needs to stay healthy. They will also be learning about inspirational people, who have achieved amazing things, such as Ellie Simmonds. We will also be exploring our local community and the children will be researching local projects that they can become involved with to make a positive difference.

We will be supporting McMillan Cancer Support again this year by hosting a Cake Sale on Thursday 26th September. Families are encouraged to bake cakes at home and donate them to our sale. The children will be taking part in lots of fun challenges in class and a competition to see which class can raise the most money for this very worthwhile cause. Please look out for further details.

In Phonics this year, the children will begin by recapping and revising all the sounds they have learned in Reception and then from Christmas they will be taught the Phase 5 graphemes which include alternative spellings and pronunciations ready for the phonics screening which is compulsory at the end of Year 1.

In English this year, the children will be working hard to apply the phonics they have learned to write extended sentences using conjunctions to join two ideas. They will also be learning to use suffixes including 'ing', 'er', and 'est' as well as the prefix 'un'. The children will be encouraged to try to develop their writing by using a range of exciting adjectives also.

In Maths this year, the children will be learning to partition 2 digit numbers in to tens and ones, add and subtract 2 digit numbers, know their number bonds to 10 and then by the of the year number bonds to 20, count in 2s, 5s and 10s, know the value of different coins and be able to name 2D and 3D shapes and describe some of their properties.

Holly Hill's Christian values will continue to be at the heart of everything we do. This half term the children will be learning about friendship, kindness, love, hope, patience, respect and tolerance.