



NICHOLAS HAWKSMOOR  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

*An Academy of Academic, Artistic, Athletic and Excellence*



# Autumn Term Year One Newsletter

## Meet the Team!

### Teachers

#### **Miss Woodfield**

(Class Teacher and Year Leader)

#### **Miss Sullivan**

(Class Teacher)

#### **Mrs Billing**

(English and Maths Set Teacher)

#### **Miss White**

(Cover Teacher)

### Support Staff

#### **Mrs Page**

#### **Mrs Burke**

#### **Mrs Parish**

### Key Dates

#### **3rd-4th October**

Parents' Meetings

#### **18th-19th October**

School photographs

#### **19th October**

Spooky Disco

#### **3rd November**

FONHS Bonfire Night

#### **6th-10th November**

Life Education Centre

#### **7th December**

Yr 1/2 Christmas Performance

#### **13th December**

Whole school Christmas lunch

**Homework:** Details regarding Year 1 homework will follow shortly.

Dear Parents

Welcome to Year One! We hope you have all had a fantastic summer break and that the children are well rested and raring to go! Here are a few details to help the start of the school year run smoothly.

The children should enter the classroom via the two outside classroom doors (Miss Woodfield's and Miss Sullivan's). We encourage the children in Year One to become more independent throughout the year. We would appreciate your assistance in this by encouraging your child to say goodbye to you at the door and enter the classroom by themselves to put their own belongings away. Well done to those children who have already been doing this! The classroom doors will be open from 8.30am so that the children are settled for registration at 8.45am. At the end of the school day the children will exit their classrooms from the same outside doors at 3:15pm. Please continue to let us know who you have come to collect until we get to know you all, when we will be able to send the children out to you more quickly. Please also let your child's class teacher know if somebody else will be collecting your child, as we do not use a collection book system.

## Subject Overviews

### English

In English our units are Pirates, Dinosaurs, The Enormous Turnip and The Gruffalo. The children will explore a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts and produce a range of writing in their new English books. They are beginning to practise forming letters correctly on a line guide and working really hard to apply their phonics skills so that they can write with more independence.

### Maths

The children will build on the Maths concepts which they have learnt in Reception and will begin their journey on the National Curriculum. The children will have the opportunity to apply these skills to solve problems. They will also have their own Maths journal to record their mathematical thinking.

## Key Information

### Art Aprons

The children will take part in a weekly Art lesson in their classrooms. We have enough old shirt aprons for each child however these are not waterproof and paint can sometimes leak through to the children's uniforms. Therefore, if you would prefer, please provide your child with a clearly named waterproof apron.

### Water Bottles and Snack

Please can we ask that each child brings a named water bottle into school each day. A daily snack is provided but you may also wish to provide your child with a small, **healthy** snack for playtime.

### Forest School

We are excited to announce that the children will continue to visit Forest School during Year One with Mrs Hamilton. This will take place every Tuesday afternoon on a termly basis for each class. [Miss Woodfield's](#) class will visit during [Autumn Term 1](#) and after half term during [Autumn Term 2](#) [Miss Sullivan's](#) class will go to Forest School. The children will require **wellington boots** for this session. Please bring these into school, each Tuesday, in a named plastic carrier bag.

### Toys

Please could we ask that you discourage your child from bringing toys into school to avoid any unnecessary upset.

### Book Bags

Please ensure that your child has their book bag in school each day. Please could we ask that you encourage your child to keep their book bags keyring free so that they can fit into their trays easily.

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### Science

This term we will be exploring the seasonal changes focusing on Summer and Autumn. We will also be learning all about everyday materials, magnets and their properties. The children will help us to plan and carry out an experiment to help Teddy keep dry.

### Humanities

The children will develop understanding about their own locality by identifying human and physical features. They will use maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK and its countries. The children will also begin to think about the things that have changed and stayed the same within living memory.

During RE the children will begin to understand how the Bible, and the stories it contains, influence the way Christians lead their lives.

### PSHE

The children will discuss their feelings and recognise different emotions. They will also be able to identify strategies to cope with these emotions and we will begin to explore effective ways to communicate.

### PE

The children will need their PE kits on both a Tuesday and a Wednesday. Please note that for all PE lessons the children with long hair must wear it tied back and any jewellery worn (including earrings) **must** be removed otherwise your child will be unable to participate. Please ensure that all uniform and PE kit is clearly named. Throughout these sessions the children will be following the whole school 'Real PE' and 'Real Gymnastics' syllabus which involves the children developing their fundamental movement skills and playing lots of fun games!

### The Arts

In Music the will have the opportunity to explore different songs, pulses and rhythms in preparation for our Harvest and Christmas celebrations. In DT and Art the children will explore different techniques and media to create a model of their town. They will also be producing their own self portrait.

***We are sure the children will settle into their new routine in Year One very quickly. Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Year One staff if you have any queries.***

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