



NICHOLAS HAWKSMOOR  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Spring Term

# Year One Newsletter

## Forest School

Mrs Hamilton will continue to take the children to Forest School on Tuesday afternoons. This will work on a half termly rotation as last term.

Therefore 1KW will go to Forest School during Spring 1 and 1JS will go to Forest School after half term in Spring 2. Please ensure that you have your welly boots and coats in school ready!

## Key

### Information

During Spring Term 1 we welcome Mr Griffin to the Year One team. He is training to be a teacher and he will begin to teach some lessons with the support and guidance of the teachers in Year One.

Dear Parents

Welcome back! We hope you've all had a fantastic Christmas break and may we say a massive thank you to everyone for your kind Christmas cards and gifts. Here are a few of the many exciting things we have planned for the term.

## Subject Overviews

### English

This term we will be continuing with our work on the Gruffalo by exploring the story of The Gruffalo's Child. We will also be learning about the features of non-fiction books, in particular dictionaries, as well as writing our own definitions and understanding the importance of organising information into alphabetical order. We will continue with our phonics and handwriting sessions in addition to weekly grammar lessons. We will also explore traditional tales with a particular focus on the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children will have the opportunity to explore a variety of versions of the story and write their own magical adventure story inspired by what they might find at the top of their magic beanstalk! After half term we will also explore the stories written by one of our favourite authors Julia Donaldson.

### Maths

The children will continue to develop their understanding of the number system by exploring numbers beyond 10. They will develop their knowledge of subtraction and addition facts within 20. They will also look at 3D shapes and use 2D shapes to create patterns. Towards the end of the term the children will also have the opportunity to practise their measuring skills by investigating and comparing length and height.

Some of the children are still finding it difficult to form their numbers correctly. Please practise any numbers which you may have noticed your child finding tricky.

### Science

We will continue to learn about seasonal changes by exploring the signs of spring. This term the children will also explore animals, including humans. They will learn to name the main parts of the human body and senses and will learn to recognise and sort animals into different groups according to their characteristics and by thinking about what different groups of animals eat.

## Events

**Monday 29th January 2018**

R/Y1/Y2 Phonics and Reading  
Evening

**Thursday 8th February 2018**

Y1-3 Heroes and Heroines  
Disco

**Friday 9th February 2018**

Science Day

**Tuesday 27th and**

**Wednesday 28th February  
2018**

Parents' Evenings

**Thursday 1st March 2018**

World Book Day

**Thursday 15th March 2018**

Visit from Jewish speaker Jo  
Elijah.

**Wednesday 21st March 2018**

Visit from Tesco Farm to Fork  
team.

**Friday 23rd March 2018**

Red Nose Day

**Monday 26th March 2018**

N/R/Y1 FONHS Easter  
Activities

**Thursday 29th March 2018**

Easter Assembly 9.15am

## Key Information

### **Water Bottles**

Please send your child into school with a named water bottle for them to drink from throughout the day.

## Computing

During Computing the children will begin to look at debugging a simple programme through the use of BeeBots. They will start to think about algorithms to navigate Beebot around a map and then input these as stored programs.

## Subject Overviews

### Humanities

In History the children will be exploring how toys today are different from those in the past. They will explore their own favourite toys and compare these toys from the past by considering similarities and differences. If anyone has any antique toys which they would like to bring in to show us or let us borrow then please let us know. In Geography the children will be exploring hot and cold countries. During RE the children will be learning all about the family in Judaism. They will begin to understand how being a member of a faith community affects a person's way of life and we will also be having a visit from a Jewish lady.

### PSHE

The children will be learning about healthy lifestyles and how to implement these into their everyday lives. We will be focusing on nutrition, sleep and hygiene.

### PE

In PE the children will continue following the 'Real PE' syllabus whereby they will develop their fundamental movement skills. The children will also be working from the Real Gym curriculum where they will build strength, flexibility and fluidity of these fundamental movements through Gymnastics. **Therefore all the children will require a PE kit in school every day.**

### The Arts

#### **Art/DT**

During Art the children will be looking at self-portraits and they will have the opportunity to experiment using a range of materials to create their very own self-portrait! In DT the children will be making a variety of different greetings cards, as well as, experimenting with the use of moving parts.

#### **Music**

During Music the children will have the opportunity to explore different songs, pulses and rhythms based on the theme of animals.

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