



NICHOLAS HAWKSMOOR  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# Summer 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 before.

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

## Class

### Photographs

Class photographs will be taken on Thursday 3rd May 2018.

### Water Bottles

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

Dear Parents

Welcome back! We hope you've all had a fantastic Easter break. We can't believe how quickly the year is going and look forward to another busy term. Here are a few of the many exciting things we have planned for the term.

## Subject Overviews

### English

This term we will be exploring the story of Handa's Surprise. We will be looking closely at the sequence of the story and tasting fruits in the order they appear. We will also explore African animals and research information to compile our own non-fiction fact file. After half term we will be looking at sea and coasts. We will explore coastal settings and be listening to the story The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch. Our phonics and handwriting sessions will continue, in addition to weekly grammar lessons.

### Maths

The children will continue to develop their understanding of tens and units when exploring numbers beyond 20. We will also be thinking about equal groups as we begin to explore multiplication and division. The children will begin to count in twos, fives and tens and they will also explore fractions of shapes and numbers using halves and quarters.

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

This term the children will explore plants. They will learn to identify the different parts of the plant and we will be taking part in plant related experiments. After half term we will be learning about seasonal changes between spring and summer. We will also be learning about famous scientists and inventors.

## Events

**Thursday 3rd May**  
Duckling eggs arrive

**Friday 15th June**  
Summer Fayre and Father's Day Sale

**W/C Monday 11th June**  
Phonics assessment week

**Wednesday 20th June**  
Visit to Think Tank Birmingham

**Wednesday 27th June**  
Sports Day

**Thursday 12th July**  
Gala Night

**Friday 13th July**  
Final Reports Out

**Monday 16th July**  
Open Parents' Evening

**Friday 20th July**  
End of term picnic

## Phonics Screening Test

As you may already be aware, all children in Year 1, nationally, complete a phonics screening check. This check will take place in June. To support the children with this check, we will be regularly practising our phonics sounds and your support practising these at home would also be beneficial. It would be extremely useful for your child to practise previously learnt sound patterns from their spelling book as these sounds are the same as those the children will be expected to know to pass the test. In the phonics test the children will be required to sound out and read real and pseudo (made up) words using those sounds.

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### Humanities

In Geography the children will be exploring a European and International country with Barnaby Bear. They will learn about physical and human features as well as exploring the culture and traditions.

In History the children will be exploring an important historical figure. They will learn all about Neil Armstrong and the first moon landing.

### PSHE

The children will be developing their knowledge of how they grow and change. We will be looking at healthy relationships in and out of school. The children will also develop an understanding of money, human rights and how to be responsible citizens.

### PE

During PE the children will carry on following the 'Real PE' syllabus whereby they will continue to develop their fundamental movement skills. We will also practise key skills and games in preparation for Sports Day.

### The Arts

#### **Dance**

The children will continue to develop their dance skills both individually and as part of a group. They will develop control and co-ordination of movements when travelling and when following short sequences of movements.

#### **Art/DT**

During Art lesson the children will have the opportunity to work with clay and they will be designing and making an animal sculpture.

Linking with our work in History the children will be exploring rockets during Design and Technology. They will design and make a rocket which will then be blasted off into space!

### **Can your child read these pseudo words?**

grighing      twouch      trieng  
sprowtly      shrart      cleaph  
broing      streaff      clayff

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