

Monday 14th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back Hendra Class – Year 1!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back and hope that the children have enjoyed their first full week back in school. Hopefully you are signed up to Tapestry and have seen photos of the classroom as well as our weekly update and reminders.

Hendra teaching staff

We would like to remind you that for the Autumn Term, Miss Morton will be on maternity leave. Miss Crossley will therefore be teaching the class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays until the end of January. Miss Morrison will teach the class on Thursdays and Fridays. Miss Rosevear is the class teaching assistant each day and will cover the class on a Thursday afternoon with Mrs Kitts for support.

Tapestry:

This year, we will be continuing to use Tapestry to capture your child's learning. As well as this, we will be using it to keep you up to date with important messages in school. Please make sure your account from last year is still active and download the app to keep up to date with class messages. Please note that Class Dojo is only used for this function in Years 2-6 and not in our class.

Curriculum:

For the whole of the Autumn Term, we will be working on a 'recovery curriculum'. This will focus on supporting children's mental and physical wellbeing on returning to school as well as starting to fill gaps in the curriculum from the Summer Term of the last academic year. Please refer to the curriculum overview sheet for more details about what we will be covering.

PE

Our class will have PE with Mr Bacon on Monday and Thursday afternoons. On these days, children can wear their PE kit to school for the day. This will save having to bring in more items to school from home.

- Shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms - black
- Plain white T-shirt (no large print or design please)
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Socks
- Tracksuits may be worn for outside PE during colder weather
- No earrings or jewellery to be worn for PE.

Please can all items of PE kit and school uniform be named (even if written on the label with biro).

Outdoor Learning

Our class will take our learning outside each Tuesday afternoon. We will be using the variety of outdoor spaces



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on the school site to support our learning in all areas of the curriculum. On Tuesdays, please make sure that your child has their coat in school as well as a change of suitable footwear. This change of footwear is likely to get wet and and/or muddy and therefore wellies would be the most suitable option. Please make sure they are labelled with your child's name.

Reading:

It is expected that children engage in reading activities at home at least 5 times per week. In school, your child will have group reading activities during daily Read Write Inc. sessions. Children's books will be changed during these sessions which will either be every 3 or 5 days depending on the book band they are on. They will also have a library book which they can read for pleasure and record in their reading records too.

Reading records will be checked on a Monday. Please make sure that your child has their record in school because this is the only day that they will be checked for points towards the reading reward scheme.

Homework:

In light of the current situation, we are trying to minimise the amount of items going to and from school. Therefore, in addition to reading five times a week, only Spelling and Maths Shed will be used for children to continue their learning at home.

Age-Appropriate Gaming and Screen Time:

Many children spend a large amount of time using electronic devices and accessing computer games that are not age appropriate. As a proud Healthy Schools Award holder, we would like to remind parents and carers that children are advised to spend no more than 2 hours a day in front of a screen (TV/PC/Laptop/Tablet/Smart Phone etc...).

Open Door Policy:

We welcome your feedback on any aspect of your child's time in Hendra class. Please pop in and see us after school to discuss any questions, queries or problems that you may have. The morning is a very busy time for us. If you have any urgent matters that need addressing, you can leave a message with the member of staff on the door. If you need to discuss something with us in person, please speak to the office who will contact us.

We are very much looking forward to the term ahead and thank you for your continued support.

Miss Morrison, Miss Crossley and Miss Rosevear
Hendra team

