

Dear Parents/Carers,

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ❖ **Thursday 8th and Friday 9th November 10.10-10.40am.** Observe a maths session in Year 1.
- ❖ You are invited in to the Year 1 classrooms on **Thursday 8th November** 1.30 – 3pm to help make puppets that the children have designed.
- ❖ **Week commencing 12th November** – Reading Week. For details see below in the general information. Year 1 will go to the library on Thursday 15th November in the afternoon.
- ❖ **Friday 30th November.** School Open Day. 9:30-11:30 and 1:45 - 3.
- ❖ **Monday 17th December AM.** Year 1 Christmas Show to parents.
- ❖ **Tuesday 18th December AM** The children will go to the Lighthouse Theatre to watch a pantomime.
- ❖ **Wednesday 19th December PM.** Year 1 Christmas Show to parents.
- ❖ **Friday 21st December PM.** Christmas parties.
- ❖ **Christmas Holidays** – school closes on **Friday 21st December** and reopens to pupils on **Monday 7th January 2019.**



GENERAL INFORMATION

The Year 1 children are now expected to walk into school on their own on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings to support their independence. Please say your goodbyes at the bottom of the Year 1 ramp to avoid congestion at the door. If you have a child in Year 1 and Reception, please take both children to the Reception door and the Year 1 child can walk to their Year 1 classroom through the school.

Please feel free to come and speak to us about your child, any developments you would like to share or any concerns you have. If this is a quick message, the member of staff on the door in the morning will be happy to pass it on to your child's teacher, or please catch us at the end of the day. If it is something that will need longer, please make an appointment for a more convenient time. As you can appreciate mornings are very busy but we do want to hear from you and will do our very best to see you the same day. Home/School link books are checked every day, but it is always worth asking your child to let us know if there is a message inside that we need to read.

- **PE days** are Tuesdays for all classes, Wednesdays for Goldfinches and Thursdays for Woodpeckers and Robins. Please can you make sure any earrings are taken out before school on PE days and that long hair is tied up.
- **Reading books** Children can change their reading book on any day as long as there is evidence in the Home/School link book that it has been read on two separate occasions. The children are asked to read twice to ensure comprehension and encourage expression and fluency.
- **Reading Week** Every half term for a week we invite you in to come and read with your child between 3pm & 3:10pm except on the day that your child goes with their class to Desborough library (three times each year). This term's reading week is the week beginning 12th November with Year 1 visiting the library on Thursday 15th November. Robins 1.30 – 2pm Goldfinches 2 – 2.30pm Woodpeckers 2.30 – 3pm. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are able to help walk the children to and from the library.
- **Maths** <https://www.havelockschoools.org.uk/index.php/for-parents/links-2> There are links to maths videos on the Havelock Schools website which will help you support your child at home. If you are unsure of how to help your child with their maths, please speak to their teacher.

Please don't hesitate to call the office in you need any further information. We are grateful for your continued support.

The Year 1 Team



Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 2

Maths

In maths we are investigating numbers, counting up to 20 and beyond in ones, twos and fives. We will be adding and subtracting to 20 practically and then recording with the help of number lines and Numicon jottings. We will solve one step problems involving addition and subtraction.

AT HOME:

Support your children to count in twos and fives and recognise coins by counting 2ps and 5ps.

RE

We will be learning about special places to worship such as churches and synagogues. We will also be finding out about christenings and Jewish naming ceremonies.



DT

In DT we are going to be designing and making alien hand or cup puppets using different joining techniques such as sewing, stapling and gluing.

AT HOME:

Practise sewing skills (basic running stitch) at home.



Music

All the learning this term is focused around two songs: Rhythm In The Way We Walk (Reggae style) and The Banana Rap (Hip Hop style). We will also be learning our songs for our Christmas production.



ICT

We are going to be using our ICT skills to make Christmas messages. We will be using shapes and using different colours to make our festive creations! We are also going to be teaching the children about how to keep themselves safe on the internet.



AT HOME:

Watch Lee and Kim's adventure together and talk about the safety points.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-nMUbHuffO8>

N.B. It is a good idea to watch this clip as a parent before sharing it with your child and warn them that there is a potentially scary section in the middle.

Moon Zoom!



We hope you have had a relaxing half term and are all refreshed ready for our Moon Zoom adventures.

During this term we will be reading space books such as 'Aliens Love Underpants', 'One Giant Leap', 'Whatever Next', 'Man on the Moon' and 'Racing Rockets'. We will be writing our own versions of "The Way Back Home" by Oliver Jeffers.

Values, PSHE and Philosophy for Children (P4C)

We will be thinking about friendship and how we can be good friends.

Our value for this term is **co-operation**.

AT HOME:

Play games that require you to take turns.

PE

In PE we will be learning to jump forwards, backwards and side-to-side with rhythm as well as the challenge to jump from 2 feet to 2 feet with a quarter turn included. Some children will be learning dances for our Christmas production.



AT HOME:

Practise jumping forwards, backwards and side-to-side with rhythm.

Science

As Scientists we will be identifying different parts of the body and how they are related to the five senses.



AT HOME:

Choose an object and use the 5 senses to describe it.

History

In History we will be learning about the astronauts Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake.



AT HOME:

Can you find out facts about astronauts and share them with us in school?