

Year One News



Welcome to Year One. We hope you have all enjoyed the summer holidays and are ready for the year ahead. It has been lovely to spend time really getting to know the children this week. They have already made a fantastic start and impressed us with how very grown up and independent they are.

A reminder of teaching arrangements this year:

In Birch Class Mrs McMillan will be teaching on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, with Mrs Walker teaching Birch Class on Thursdays. In Hazel Class Mrs Jones will teach Monday to Thursday and Mrs Walker will teach on a Friday.

Our Class coffee mornings will take place at 9.00am on Tuesday 17th September for Hazel Class and 9.00am on Wednesday 18th September for Birch Class. This will give us the chance to provide you with more information about Year One and to answer any questions you might have. Do let us know if you are unable to attend and we will send any information shared on parent mail.

Another quick reminder: All uniform should be labelled with your child's name and toys should remain at home.

Please refer to the curriculum information to see an overview of our learning this half term.

Reading

The children will be bringing a reading book home this week, as well as a sharing book for you to read together. We will be changing the children's books weekly and we will be explaining more about how this will work at our coffee morning. In the meantime, please ensure your child has their reading book in school everyday.

In your child's new reading record, you will find useful information including phonics and a list of the new common exception words which children need to learn how to read and spell by the end of Year 1, this is something that you can support your child with throughout the year.

PE

Our PE this half term will be taught by Mr Richardson and will be focused on using space which is part of our fundamental movement and team games unit. The children will also be developing their balance bike skills using some of our new balance bikes in the outdoor area.

Please follow us on X (formally known as Twitter!) to keep up to date with our learning. We are @BirchclassHFS and @hazelclassHFS

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Support Staff and Transition

We are very lucky to have both Mrs B and Mrs Kirk supporting in Year One this year. Both members of staff are familiar to the children as they have both worked as lunch time supervisors in school. They both have an excellent understanding of the Year One curriculum and routines.

We are working hard to support the transition from Reception to Year One.

The children will have opportunities to access the play based learning and continuous provision in Maple Class. They will also be using our outdoor provision with lots of new equipment that we have purchased to support the children's learning and development. We are working hard to ensure that the children are happy and settled and as ever communication between home and school is key. We are really looking forward to working with you to ensure that this is another great year for your child at Havannah First School.

We are usually available before and after school, so please do not hesitate to pop in or contact us by telephone if you have any queries or concerns.

Many Thanks

Sally McMillan, Fiona Jones and Heidi Walker