



Houghton Regis Primary School

'Where Everyone Matters and Every Day Counts'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we embark on the first half term in Year 1, we would like to share with you the key topics and themes that your children will be exploring over the coming weeks.

In Mathematics, Year 1 will be looking at numbers up to 10 in a variety of ways. These will include positional language, addition and part-whole models. Children will use a range of methods during their lessons such as using concrete materials, pictorial representations and abstract calculations. We will begin to work on our reasoning skills; explaining our thinking to others by using stem sentences and visual resources to do so.

In English, as readers and writers, we will be take inspiration from a very famous Author: Julia Donaldson. We shall make predictions, look at characters in greater detail to create character profiles and make comparisons between stories. We will link our learning to our prior knowledge and own experiences. We will begin looking at identifying verbs and adjectives and try to use these in our own work. Reading and spelling homework will be issued each week to support learning.

We will continue to follow the Little Wandle Phonics programme to support their phonics and spelling development throughout the term.

In Science, we will be developing our knowledge of Animals including Humans. This will include a focus on the five senses. By the end of the term, we will be able to identify parts of the body and which sense is associated with each body part.

In our Religious Education lessons, we will be looking at Christianity and what God is like.

In our PSHE sessions we have been using the Jigsaw scheme of work to discuss 'Being Me in my World'. This will focus on looking at the positives of our class and peers and explore the concept of responsibility.

As we develop our creativity in Design and Technology, we will be making fruit kebabs. This unit will teach children about working with food. Children will gain an insight into food production, then investigate and evaluate existing food products. They will taste these foods, discussing how they are similar and different and expressing likes, dislikes and favourites. Children will use a range of skills and techniques using simple kitchen tools and measuring equipment, they will learn how to peel, chop and slice ingredients to make their product. They will then evaluate it against a range of criteria.

In Computing, as users of Technology, we will begin to develop an understanding of technology and how it helps us in everyday life. By the end of the term, we will be confident in accessing the Chromebooks independently and will have started to develop our mouse and keyboard skills.

In History, we will be learning about Guy Fawkes. Children will develop an awareness of the past, using common words and phrases relating to the passing of time. Year 1 will use a wide vocabulary of everyday historical terms to talk about and sequence the events of the Gunpowder Plot.

During our PE lessons, as athletes we will be exploring moving our bodies in different ways through gymnastics, dance and athletics. We will use small games equipment to explore and develop our agility, balance and co-ordination.

Home learning

- Spelling tests are on a Thursday with new spellings set each Friday.

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- Reading records are checked every Thursday.

Key Dates for Year 1 – Autumn 1

Thursday 9 th October - 2pm to 3pm	DT Parents Workshop
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Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch either on the door or via class dojo.

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