



NICHOLAS HAWKSMOOR
PRIMARY SCHOOL

An Academy of Academic, Artistic, Athletic and Excellence

Spring Term

Year One Newsletter

Outdoor Learning

Mrs Hamilton will continue to take the children to the Pocket Park on alternate Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure that you have your welly boots in school ready!

1JW

8 Jan, 22 Jan, 5 Feb,
26 Feb, 11 Mar, 25 Mar.

1AB

15 Jan, 29 Jan, 12 Feb,
4 Mar, 18 Mar, 1 Apr.

Key

Information

During the Spring Term we will continue to have two trainee teachers working within Year 1.

Miss Johnson (1AB)

Mrs Wilson (1JW)

They will teach some lessons with the support and guidance of the Year 1 Team.

Mr Bees will return in April.

Key Dates

10th January

Bikeability

14th January

Skipping workshops

27th January

Surprise visitors!

10th February

Year 1-3 Film night

3rd/4th March

Parents' Evening

5th March

World Book Day

13th March

Sport Relief Day

30th March

The ThinkTank Trip

3rd April

Easter Service

Dear Parents

Welcome back! We hope you've all had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed spending family-time together. We were overwhelmed by the generous cards, gifts and vouchers received and would like to take this opportunity to thank you again. Here are a few of the many exciting things we have planned for this term.

Subject Overviews

English

This term we will be exploring non-fiction books, in particular dictionaries and learning about definitions and alphabetical order. We will continue with our daily phonics and handwriting sessions in addition to our grammar lessons. We will explore the stories written by one of our favourite authors, Julia Donaldson. We will also be doing some non-fiction writing about owls and the children will meet some special surprise visitors during this term -

Shhh! Don't tell the children! 😊

The class novels for this term will be *The Twits* by Roald Dahl (1AB) and *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*, by Jill Tomlinson (1JW)

Maths

The children will continue to develop their understanding of the number system, by exploring numbers beyond 10. They will continue to investigate place value; recognising the importance of the position of each digit as a ten or a one (unit). They will develop their knowledge of subtraction and addition facts within 20. Towards the end of the term the children will also have the opportunity to practise their measuring skills by investigating and comparing length, height, weight and volume.

Some of the children are still finding it difficult to form their numbers correctly and some children reverse their numbers. Please practise any numbers which you may have noticed your child is finding tricky. You can find further information about number (and letter) formation on the school website in the Year 1 section (Kinetic Letters—our handwriting scheme).

Science

We will continue to explore seasonal changes. This term the children will also explore animals, including humans. They will learn the main parts of the body and senses and will recognise and classify animals into different groups according to their characteristics.

Key Information

Please continue to name your child's uniform, bottles and snack pots. This will help us to return lost property to the correct child.

P.E.

P.E. will now take place on Tuesday morning and Friday morning.

Projects

Each half term the children are set a piece of creative homework which relates to a topic which has been explored at school. These projects will be shared in class after each half term. The children may be as creative as they like by making, writing, drawing or using technology to explore the given topic and create something to share with the rest of the class.

Spring Term 1

(Friday 28th February)

Topic: Julia Donaldson books

Spring Term 2

(Friday 24th April)

Topic: Space or Neil Armstrong

Subject Overviews

Computing

During Computing this term, children will create their own illustrations to make an e-book, which will link with their work in English.

Humanities

In Geography, the children will be exploring hot and cold countries. In History, the children will be exploring an important historical figure. They will learn all about Neil Armstrong and the first moon landing. We will be visiting the ThinkTank in Birmingham to explore the Planetarium and learn about Tim Peake's journey into Space. During RE, the children will be learning about different religion's routines and rituals. They will also study how and why Christians celebrate Easter.

PSHE

The children will learn about personal hygiene and how to keep germs at bay. They will also learn the names of key organs in the human body and their functions. This will link to our Science curriculum for this term. The children will also be learning about the importance of perseverance, particularly when attempting a new skill.

PE

This term we are teaching the children how to safely use the school playground equipment, learning some traditional playground games and encouraging them to make up their own. The children will also be building strength, flexibility and fluidity of their fundamental movements through Gymnastics. **The children will require a PE kit in school every day.**

The Arts

During Art, the children will be exploring a range of media and techniques using paint, chalk and pastels. We will be linking our work in Art with other curriculum areas, with a focus on owls. We will be exploring some of the weird and wonderful work of the artist Salvador Dali. The children will create their own Little Owl, using his drawing as inspiration. In music this term the focus will be around one song: Hands, Feet, Heart. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise different styles of South African music.

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