







Year 1 Newsletter Autumn 2023



Welcome back to the new school year and welcome to Year 1! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday. Hopefully all the children are keen to be back and ready for a very busy term ahead with lots of new and exciting learning to look forward to. Our first topic this term will be 'Wonderful Weather', as outlined below.

<p>English: We will be...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enjoying listening to a variety of stories, rhymes and songs. - Forming our letters carefully. - Composing sentences aloud before writing them. - Developing our skills to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in sentences. 	<p>Maths: This term the children will be learning about place value and adding and subtracting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Counting objects and numbers - Sorting objects. - Recognising numbers as words - Finding 1 more and 1 less - Ordering and comparing numbers - Understanding less than, greater than and equal to - Number bonds to 10 - Finding fact families - Writing number sentences - Adding and subtracting 
<p>Phonics/Reading The children will be continuing on their Little Wandle journey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consolidating Phase 3 knowledge of sounds. - Reading longer words. - Introducing Phase 5 sounds. 	
<p>Science: The children will be learning about the weather and seasonal changes.</p> <p>The children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of investigations four seasons.</p>	<p>Geography- Weather The children will be learning about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Types of Weather - How the weather can affect us - Identify hot and cold countries around the world - -Weather situations in countries around the world. -Staying safe -Famous person study- Grace Darling.
<p>Art The children will have the opportunity to explore portraits and self-portraits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring colours through portraits • Creating Pop Art portraits 	<p>Computing: The children will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the internet safely • Become more familiar with using the chromebooks • Log on and develop typing skills 
<p>P.E: The children will be learning skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throwing and catching. • Cycling 	<p>RE: The children will be exploring the topic 'What does it mean to belong to a faith community?'</p> <p>PSHE: Then children will be completing work on the topic 'family and relationships'.</p>

Home Learning:

-Home Learning menus will be given to the children at the start of each term with the children expected to complete 4 pieces of learning each half term. Learning logs should be handed in on a Thursday if the children have completed a piece of learning. They will be marked and returned on a Friday.



-Your child will be bringing home their Big Cat book each Wednesday to be returned on Monday. They will also bring home their sharing book that they have chosen each week. Please do continue to listen to your child read at least 4 times a week and enjoy celebrating their reading together!

Further Information:

- Please ensure your child's uniform and PE kit is labelled with their name, and that their PE kit (indoor and outdoor) is in school every day.

-If you have any concerns or wish to meet with us to discuss your child's learning, please write a note in your child's contact book, or send an email to the class email at yearone@high-firs.kent.sch.uk. Please make sure you check your child's contact book for any notes or reminders.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Miss Durrant	Miss Durrant	Mrs O'Dwyer/ Miss Durrant	Mrs O'Dwyer	Mrs O' Dwyer
P.E. Reading books to be returned.		P.E Reading books come home.	Learning logs in	



Mrs O'Dwyer, Miss Durrant and Miss Hoskins