

School Days

Year 1 Newsletter – September 2021



Engage – Inspire - Empower

Welcome to Year 1

We hope you all had a lovely time over the summer and are ready to start the new school year. We are looking forward to getting to know you and working together as we offer the children exciting new learning opportunities.

Transition from Reception to Year 1

At the start of the term, we will be settling the children in and doing all that we can to ensure that they feel safe and secure in their new environment. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have enjoyed in Reception. This is to help them remain motivated and enthusiastic learners as we work towards a smooth transition from Reception into Year 1.



The Year 1 Team

Holly Class: Anita and Maria
PPA Teacher: Nursel

Sequoia Class: Sakina, Ruth, Shanika,
Lewis and Bernie
PPA Teacher: Georaia



Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesdays starting on the 21st September 2021. Due to the current circumstances, these will be held via Zoom or telephone call. If you would like to book a consultation, please email your child's teacher and we will contact you to arrange a time.

For up to date information, please refer to our class pages on the school website at: www.jennyhammond.waltham.sch.uk. You can also keep up to date by downloading the JHPS app on your device.

School Timings

Start Time: The gates open from 8.55-9.05am.

Year 1 can use the Elsham Rd or Worsley Rd gate and go directly to their classroom without lining up.

End Time: 3.15pm Children to be collected from the Elsham Rd gate only.

Please make sure your child is collected on time.

Our **TOPIC** this half-term is **School Days**.

During the topic the children will:

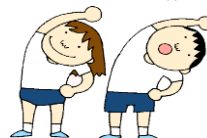
- Compare modern day school and schools in the past, identifying similarities and differences.
- Look at their local environment and identify the key features of the school.
- Be able to identify and describe differences between old and new schools.
- Know by heart a range of playground songs and rhymes.
- Identify and name a variety of common plants, including garden plants, wild plants and trees.

PE

PE will be on **Tuesday for children in Holly Class and Sequoia class**. This half term we will be focusing on developing our ball skills and becoming familiar with the rules of netball.

Children should come to school wearing their PE kits on Tuesdays. As with all uniform, please ensure that items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

PE kit is a plain white t-shirt, navy blue or black shorts or a navy blue tracksuit. You can purchase a Jenny Hammond tracksuit. Alternatively, please ensure the blue tracksuit has no other logos. As the weather is becoming cooler, we recommend that children wear blue tracksuit bottoms to school with suitable footwear as we will be doing PE outdoors as much as possible.



Water Bottles

Please bring in a water bottle for your child each day to keep in class for them to access throughout the day. **Please make that sure your child's name is clearly written on the bottle.**



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Maths

In Maths, we will be focusing on number and place value and practising counting to and across 100, forwards and backwards. We will also be counting in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s. We will then move onto adding and subtracting numbers using number bonds and subtraction facts within 20.

Tips for maths at home: Have a look at our class page for ideas for activities.

English

To begin with, we will be carrying out an exciting whole school English project. This will support our transition curriculum as children return to school. The book we are using is called *The Secret Sky Garden* by Linda Sarah and Fiona Lumbers. It is a wonderful story sharing the impact small actions can make on a community and ourselves.

We will then move on to describe differences between modern day schools and schools of the past with a focus on descriptive language. We will be using the film and text 'The Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell as a stimulus for a number of reading, writing and speaking and listening opportunities.

We will continue to use the Monster Phonics Programme to support them as they learn to read and write.

Tips for English at home: Reading with your child every day will really help their learning. You could read to them, listen to them read or read together. Please remember to complete your child's reading diary. You can also look at our class page for some fun activities.

Science

In Science, we will identify and name a variety of common plants, including garden plants, wild plants and trees. We will also be exploring the plants in our environment and around the school. We will learn the terms 'deciduous' and 'evergreen' and use these to classify plants and trees.

Creative Development

In our Art lessons, we will draw and paint our self-portraits, selecting appropriate colours and adding detail to our work. We will look at the work of L.S. Lowry and create a pastel picture of the school in a similar style. In Geography, we will look at our local environment and identify key features of the school. In Design and Technology, we will be designing and building our ideal school.

RE and Circle Time

In RE we will be offering children the opportunity to see themselves as valued individuals within a community including their faith community. Children will be able to talk about themselves and their lives and how they all belong to someone.

During Circle Time, we will be focusing on the children's health and wellbeing by discussing the children's hopes about the new school year and addressing any fears they may have about returning to school. We will also be helping the children to develop a growth mind set. This encourages the children to become resilient in their learning by challenging themselves and understanding that it is okay to make mistakes.

Dates for your diary

World Afro Day: Wednesday 15th September

Jeans for Genes Day: Friday 17th September 2021.

Your child can come to school in non-uniform and wear their jeans. Please bring in £1.00 to support this important charity.

Individual photos: Thursday 23rd September 2021

Half term: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021

Please find attached a copy of our class timetable for your information.

Our class email addresses are:

holly@jennyhammond.waltham.sch.uk

sequoia@jennyhammond.waltham.sch.uk

And finally, if you have any questions or concerns for us, please send an email and we will get back to you as soon as we can. We are always happy to help!

Best Wishes, The Year 1 Teaching Team.