



# Year 1 Newsletter

*We discover and realise the genius in everyone!*

## Dear Parents...

Welcome back after the summer holiday! We hope that you have had a lovely holiday and are ready to begin the next half term and start a new adventure in Key Stage 1! Keep reading to find out the exciting things in store this half term...

*Mrs Amara, Miss Bakali, Miss Huntley, Mrs Chase*

## Reminders

Make sure that children bring their PE kits on **Monday** and take them home on **Friday**. For P.E children need white top, black/navy blue bottoms, black trainers or plimsoles. Please name all items of clothing and the bag.

Children must not wear jewellery as it could cause injury during PE and play. Earrings must only be studs, not hooped or 'dangly' earrings.

Note that school **starts at 8.50am** and **finishes at 3.30pm**.

School uniform is compulsory: white Heronsgate t-shirt; navy blue sweater or cardigan; black, grey or navy trousers; sensible, flat black shoes or black trainers, not brightly coloured trainers. High heels, flip-flops or boots are **not** allowed.

Please make sure that the medical and dietary information we have about your child is up to date. Any asthma pumps must be signed in at the school office.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Half term holiday:

Monday 23rd  
October to Friday  
27th October

### Meet the teacher

Wednesday 13th  
September

### Parents evening

Wednesday 11th  
and Thursday 12th  
October



## TOPIC FOCUS: ME AND MY TOWN

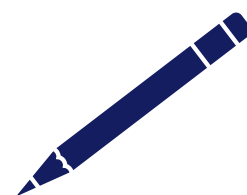
Our Creative topic this half term is "Me and my town". We will be learning all about where we live and about ourselves. We will be describing the human and physical features of the local area and exploring maps in Geography. In Art, we will be looking at self-portraits and developing the skills to draw our own. In Science, we are learning about our bodies and senses. We will be learning about and labelling different parts of the body. We will also look at skeletons, learn how they help us to move and understand how we change as we grow up. In Computing, we are going to be learning about how to take a good photo on an iPad and then using these photos to make a comic strip.

## English

In English this half term, we will be reading a variety of books including 'The Smartest Giant in Town' written by Julia Donaldson and 'Funnybones' by Janet and Alan Ahlberg. We will learn how to write captions and labels and use these to describe pictures, with a particular focus on using adjectives. We will then be reading and writing instructions, constructing clear sentences and writing with full stops, capital letters and finger spaces.

## Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be learning about all the ways we can make the numbers to 10 and using that knowledge to add and subtract numbers to 10. We will also be learning about the properties and names of all 2D shapes.



## HOME LEARNING

We encourage you to read with your child **every day** for 10 - 15 minutes and make comments in their blue Reading Champions books. Books will be changed weekly.

There are lots of rewards for reading books at home so please do encourage your child to read as much as possible!

15 books	Bronze certificate in class
30 books	Silver certificate in class
60 books	Gold certificate in assembly

Please ensure your children practise their number facts daily using Numbots! They will get certificates in school for the levels they achieve on the app.

- Weekly spelling practice will be given out on **Friday**
- Talk to your child about...
  - The different parts of the human body and their function
  - The local area and things you might see. Point out human and physical features.
  - The value of this half term- Responsibility
- Other places to visit:
  - National Maritime Museum, Queen's House (Lots of portraits to view!),
  - Woolwich Library-lots of books available for children to borrow and read.

## ONLINE SAFETY

Talk to your child about how the Internet can be used to find information- you can use it to find out about pretty much anything! Explain to your child that it can sometimes be dangerous and we need to make sure we know how to stay safe on the Internet.