



Year 1 Newsletter

We discover and realise the genius in everyone!

Dear Parents...

Welcome back after the break! We hope that you have had a lovely holiday and are ready to begin the next half term. Keep reading to find out what exciting things are in store...

Miss Huntley-Young, Mrs Amara, Mrs Chase and Miss Bakali.

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

Book Fair

Monday 6th
November - Friday
10th November

Children in Need Non-uniform day

Friday 17th November.

Christmas Performances

Week beginning 18th
December.

Christmas Parties

Wednesday 20th
December.

Last day of term

Thursday 21st
December.

TOPIC FOCUS: "STARRY NIGHT"

Our Creative topic this half term is 'Starry Starry Night'. We will be learning all about the history of space travel and the first Moon Landing. In Computing, we will be learning about coding using an app called *code spark*. In Art, we will be learning about Vincent Van Gogh and we will be recreating his famous painting 'Starry starry night' based on London. In Science, we will be learning about different materials and their properties. We will also be learning about natural and man-made resources. We will be investigating the properties of different materials.

English

In English we will be learning about the story 'Beegu' and we will be writing our own alien stories! We will learn to use features such as time openers and descriptive phrases. Then, we will be looking at the story 'Look Up'. We will be exploring the characters and events. We will also learn about the first black woman in space called Mae Jemison.

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.

Maths

In our Maths lessons, we will be exploring number equations and beginning to add and subtract. We will be learning about numbers 10-20 in detail. Children will be able to confidently count and write to 20 and understand place value within these numbers. They will compare and order numbers and be able to spot patterns within 20. We will also look at 2D and 3D shapes and patterns.



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.

Please keep using **Numbs and Spelling Shed** as often as possible as it makes a huge difference to your child's learning! See your child's class teacher if you need login details.

- Weekly spelling practice will be given out on **Friday**
- Talk to your child about...
 - Materials - properties of different materials.
 - The Starry Night - What can you see?
 - Ask them to carry out a material hunt around the house and make a list of all the materials they can find!