



## PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

### EYFS NEWSLETTER

Friday 23<sup>th</sup> September

### HELLO EVERYONE!

I just wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and say how super excited I am to be leading EYFS and Year 1! For those new to the school my name is Mrs McAlindon.

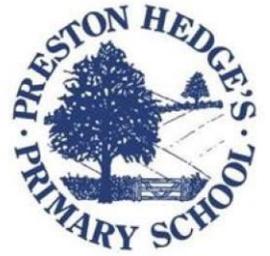
I am one of the Reception teachers here at Preston Hedge's Primary School along with Mrs Seaman. If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to come and speak to me. I am always at my classroom door in the mornings/after school and I will also be at the school gates every Wednesday from 3.10pm!

### EYFS

### WELCOME TO RECEPTION!

It was lovely to meet you all on our recent home visits! What a joy it has been welcoming all of our new children. They are settling in really well and it has been wonderful seeing them already; form new friendships, follow the school routines and fully immerse themselves into our first topic! They have most definitely enjoyed exploring our wonderful indoor and outdoor learning environments!





## UNDER THE SEA

Let's dive into our first topic 'Under the Sea' linked to 'The Rainbow Fish'. This topic will help the children learn all about themselves, and celebrate how different and unique we are! During the term we will be focusing on developing our Expressive Arts and



Design skills by creating under the sea art work. We will be exploring colour and how colours can be changed, using tools to create effective patterns and understand how we can use different textures to create multimedia representations! The children will also explore key features of living things under the sea by using their senses in exceptional first-hand experiences. There's no doubt that your child will come home and tell you all about the exciting learning opportunities they have had!

## DATES AND REMINDERS

**26th Sept** – children will be staying for lunch and will need to be collected from the office (main reception) at 12.45pm. Please ensure you have booked your child's lunch for that week. If you have any queries regarding the booking of lunches please do contact the office or speak to your child's teacher.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Oct** – children are full time and will need to be collected from their classroom doors at 3.15pm

**13<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Under the sea celebration day for Reception Children

PE – Reception's PE day will be every **Thursday** (this will start from 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct when children are full time). Children must come to school in their PE kit on that day and ensure all jewellery has been removed.

Big Outdoors – Just a reminder to bring in your child's Big Outdoors puddle suit. The children will start this week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct

RS – Tuesday PM

RM Wednesday PM



## YEAR ONE

We have been delighted to welcome the children back after the summer break and are very proud of how well they have settled into Year 1.

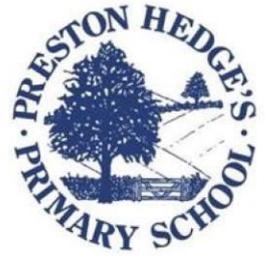


## ENGLISH

For this first half term, we are focusing on sentences. We focus on what we need to include in every sentence and how to make our sentences more exciting by adding adjectives. We will use our sense to help us describe a woodland setting during our first big write. Our non-fiction literacy unit is based around invitations.

## MATHS

We begin this half term by focusing on number skills; 1 to 1 correspondence (counting), number recognition, number composition and number patterns. We will then move onto looking at addition and subtraction. These will be introduced practically before moving onto the abstract concept.



## CURRICULUM

This term in Year 1 our topic is 'Into the Woods'. The children will have many opportunities to go into the big outdoors area to enhance their learning. We will be learning about which animals live in British woodlands, their habitats and ways in which we can look after them. With the changing of the season, we will investigate the changes that occur and work within the community to celebrate harvest. We will be using natural resources to create our own pieces of art work inspired by Andy Goldsworthy both in class and on a large scale.

## EXCITING EVENTS

We are planning to take the children for a special Forest Schools session at Salcey Forest. The children will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities including natural arts, den building, bug hunting, rope swing, whittling and fire striking (weather dependent). Towards the end of term we are hoping (weather dependent) to end our topic with a Big Outdoors 'Campout', with den building, campfire songs and a tasty campfire treat.

## DATES AND REMINDERS

Big Outdoors will continue in Year 1, 1H will have their sessions on a Monday and 1BW on a Thursday. Please can you bring your child's wetsuit and wellies in to school as soon as you can. Any questions please see your child's class teacher.

Both Year 1 classes will have PE on a Friday. Please ensure your child comes to school in the appropriate school P.E kit and trainers.

## KEEPING UP TO DATE

Our latest correspondences will be updated onto our school website every Friday. You can view these by visiting our parent page.

<https://www.prestonhedges.northants.sch.uk/>

You can also visit our Twitter page for photos and videos of our exciting curriculum learning and our Facebook page for any school updates.

<https://twitter.com/phpsschool?s=11>

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HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND!

Mrs McAlindon