



PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
PHASE 1 NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th September

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HELLO EVERYONE!

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself for anybody who doesn't know me already. My name is Miss Malpas and I am a Year 2 class teacher alongside Miss Gruncell (a huge welcome to the team, Miss Gruncell!), and Phase Leader for Phase 1 (Years 1 & 2). I am very excited to be leading Phase 1 at Preston Hedges this year and look forward to the year ahead (hopefully the old 'normal' will continue this year!).

As always, we have an open-door policy here, so any queries or concerns that you may have please feel free to come and see me in my classroom (2M) in the mornings or after school, or contact me through the school office on either 01604 665860 or via email through Mrs Upton in our school office on jay.upton@prestonhedges.org.

You can also find me at the school gates at the end of the day every Wednesday.

WELCOME BACK!

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What a wonderful start to the academic year! It has been so lovely to see all of our children coming back into school so excited and eager to return. We are so impressed at how well they have settled into the school routine, transitioning exceptionally well within their new year groups. For most of our children, they have also already experienced changes in their school day and we are very impressed with how well they have adapted to these. The children have attended their first assembly, experienced changes to their lunchtime routine returning back to the school hall and have enjoyed their playtimes resuming in phases.

As a phase 1 staff team, we would like to say a huge thank you to all of you for your support and cooperation already at the beginning of this academic year and look forward to the rest of the year ahead.

YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

PE

Thank you for the feedback provided on our school survey. As a reminder, we will continue with the same routine as last year where your children will arrive at school in their PE kits on their year groups PE days. Please ensure that your child comes to school in the appropriate school P.E kit/ footwear and that earrings are removed.

Both year 1 and 2 PE days are Fridays.

Homework

As there is a change to the homework within each year group, attached below is the homework that your children will receive in their year groups.

Year One: weekly spellings, weekly reading 3 x a week and phonics homework.

Year 1 Spellings: Once began, they will be set weekly on a Monday for a test on the following Monday.

Year Two: Alternate Maths or English weekly, spellings weekly and reading 3 x a week.

Year 2 spellings: Set weekly on a Monday for a test on the following Monday.

Maths/ English homework: Set every Friday to be handed in the following Wednesday.

Please remember to sign your child's reading diary so that they are rewarded via certificates or points for our Preston Hedges Points Shop (our reading reward system is on the school website).

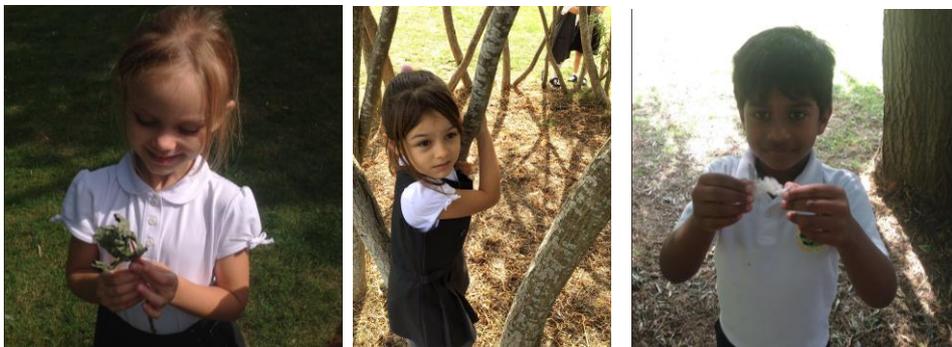
Year group videos will be uploaded to the website on **Monday 13th September** with any additional information for your child's year group. You can also find workshops available on our school website.

Please contact myself or your child's class teacher if you have any queries.

CURRICULUM

Take a look below at the exciting curriculum topics our phase 1 year groups will be immersed into this term. Attached are some photos of the topics in full swing!

Year 1

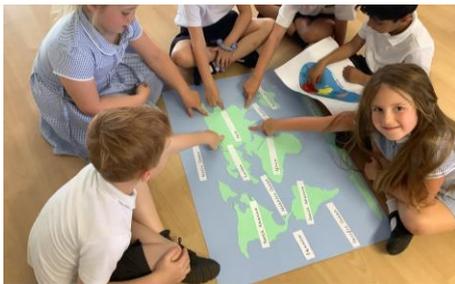


This term in Year 1, our topic is 'Into the Woods'. We will be learning about which animals live in British woodlands, their habitats and ways in which we can look after them. With the changing of the season, we will investigate the changes that occur and work within the community to celebrate harvest. We will also be using natural resources to create our own pieces of art work both in class and on a large scale.



The Big Outdoors will be continuing in Year 1 and the children will have many opportunities to go into the new big outdoors area to enhance their learning throughout their curriculum topic. 1D will have the big outdoors on a Tuesday and 1BW on a Wednesday. Please can you bring your child's wetsuit and wellies in to school as soon as you can. Any questions regarding this, please see your child's class teacher. 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.

Year 2



This term, in Year 2, we have begun our topic 'Tour of Europe' where we will be going on a journey all around Europe! The project will build from a foundation of learning about the world where the children will explore the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world and locate Europe on the map. This will build on their ability to use simple maps and keys, and introduce the use of directional language.

The topic will then hone in on a focus of European countries where the children will be able to immerse themselves as 'travel' to a new country each week (United Kingdom, Spain, Italy, France and Greece). We hope to learn all about how the countries culture and how their lifestyle differs from ours. Looking specifically at famous landmarks, mountains, rivers, climate and cuisine. Towards the end of the topic, when we have been able to gain a broad understanding of this continent, we will then be making a case study comparison of the UK and mainland Europe.

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND!

Miss Malpas