

HURSTHEAD INFANT SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 1!

We hope you enjoyed your summer holiday and that the children are excited to be starting Year 1. We are looking forward to our year together.

We hope the following information is useful to you.

Seesaw

This week your child should have received a new Seesaw QR code. Please ensure that you have signed out of Seesaw completely using the "Sign out" button before using the new log-on information, otherwise you will not be able to see your child's new class. If you have more than one child at Hursthead Infant School, please bear in mind that you will have to log out of one child's account in order to view your other child's account. If you have any difficulty with your Seesaw account, please speak to your class teacher. Seesaw will be our main way of communicating information with you, so please ensure that notifications are enabled on your device so that you don't miss anything. Please check Seesaw regularly as class teachers often use this to send messages home to you. We will also use Seesaw to send out curriculum information, homework, messages and the Year 1 blog.

Homework

In Year 1 your child will be set regular homework activities on the Seesaw app. These activities will help consolidate work undertaken in the classroom and will involve tasks from a range of curriculum areas including Maths, English and Science.

An activity is uploaded on a **Friday**, to be completed in the following week.

In the book bags there will also be a yellow book with special handwriting paper, which the children will use to complete the handwriting activities. Please take a photo of any work completed in this book and upload it to your child's journal on Seesaw. You will be able to complete some activities directly on the Seesaw platform and the homework instructions will make this clear.

Reading Homework

By the end of next week your child will bring home their new reading books. Each child in Year 1 will be given the opportunity to read and change their banded school books at least once each week. They will be given 2 books and we encourage children to read their books twice, once to practice word and phonic recognition and again to test comprehension. Each child will receive a target book (these have a letter T on them) alongside a companion book. The target books have a phonics focus and support children in practicing the phonics sounds we are learning, children may need more support to read this book, but try to get them the sound out the words that contain the sounds listed in the front of the book in order to practice applying this sound. The companion book is to support your child's reading fluency and comprehension and children should be able to read

these a little more independently. Please note that your child's target book and companion book may be from different colour book bands. Please encourage your child to read their book to you for 10 minutes each day. Their reading diary will be sent home with their new books for you to write any comments and record the page number they are up to. Please also use this diary to record any other reading your child has done at home (eg home books, library books).

We would ask that reading books and reading diaries should remain in your child's book bag and be returned to school each day.

The children will also have the opportunity to choose a library book from a collection in class and should return it the following week in order to select a new book.

P.E

PLEASE ensure all uniform and P.E kit is clearly labelled with your child's name. Your child will need jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt/fleece to wear when we do outdoor Games lessons, especially during colder weather. Please ensure that your child has their earrings removed and long hair is tied back. P.E bags need to stay at school and will be sent home every half term. When P.E bags come home, please check that your child's trainers still fit!

Water bottles

Please make sure water bottles are clearly named and are in school every day. The children are able to drink from these at any point throughout the day.

Finally, we are really looking forward to teaching your children and having a successful, fruitful year. Year 1 is full of exciting learning and opportunities for the children to grow and achieve.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us, you can do this either in person at the door before or after school, or alternatively through the Seesaw App. Please use whichever suits you best

With many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely

Miss Simpson (Class 4)

Miss Howard (Class 5)

Mrs Edgar (Class 6)