



Autumn Term 2026

KS1 Year 1 and 2



Welcome to KS1! We are so excited that everyone has returned to school. We hope you have enjoyed your summer break and are now ready to 'smash' Year 1 and 2! There will be 3 parallel KS1 classes again this year. Miss Kirkby will teach Bumblebee Class, Miss Hurk will teach Rabbit Class and Mrs Parkes and Mrs Glass will teach Frog Class. We are also very lucky to have support from Mrs Parker and Ms Ashfaq.

Curriculum

During the Autumn Term we will become explorers in Geography and investigate our local area. Look out for information regarding a local walk! Alongside this we will be learning about Helen Keller in History, investigating, designing and building shelters in DT and exploring colour and colour mixing in Art. Science will consist of materials as well as different senses and we will be getting the instruments out during Music lessons.



In Maths Year 1 will be focusing on place value, adding and subtracting and shape. Year 2 will also cover place value and addition and subtraction as well as multiplication, and shape. Year 2 pupils will be assigned a **Times Tables Rock Stars** login this term so please keep an eye out for this!

English will focus on the key skills the children need to write clear full sentences with increased independence this term. Autumn Term 1 will focus on Traditional Stories and the work during Autumn Term 2 will link to our History topic on Helen Keller.

'Take Care' Values and the 'John Hunt Way'

John Hunt is a **'Take Care'** school with 4 clearly defined values. These consist of Taking Care of Ourselves, Each Other, Our World and Our Work. We also follow the **'John Hunt Way'**. This is our whole school behaviour policy and consists of rules which include super sitting, wonderful walking, magnet eyes and best listening. Our values and ways can be found in every classroom, on our school website and in your child's reading diary. Please support us in making sure that your child understands our values and ways and is the best 'Take Care' child they can possibly be!

Homework

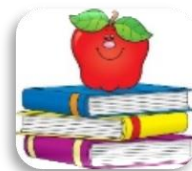
Homework will be sent out on a **Tuesday** and will need returning by the following **Monday**. Homework needs to be completed in homework books and presented to a 'Take care' standard. Where possible please complete in pencil and with crayons if needed for colouring.

Spelling

Spellings will be sent out on a **Tuesday** and tested the following **Monday**. Test slips will be stapled into homework books so you are able to see their score. You will find your child's new spellings at the top of their homework sheet each week.

Reading

Our Fab 4 Reading Challenge will start again this term. Please ensure that your child reads at least **4 times every week** at home and brings their reading book and diary to school every day! Reading books will be changed every **Monday**. Reading is a gateway to your child's learning and regular reading practice at home as well as at school sets your child up to be the best learner they can be!



PE



Please make sure PE kits are always in school. PE kits can stay in school all half term or get taken home on a Friday and returned the following Monday. PE will take place on a **Monday** (Rabbits & Frogs) or **Tuesday** (Bumblebees) and a **Friday** (all classes) afternoon. School PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, black shorts, dark coloured jogging bottoms/jumper and plimsolls or trainers. PE this term will focus on fundamental skills, ball skills, invasion games and gymnastics. Therefore, it will sometimes be necessary to teach PE both inside and outside when weather permits. Please be aware if your child does not have their PE kit they will not be able to participate in the lesson.

Drinks Bottles

Please send your child to school with a **named water bottle**. It will need bringing to school each morning and taking home to be washed each evening.

Parent Helpers

We love having parent helpers so please let any of the KS1 team know if you would be free to help listen to children read or support with activities or trips.

Labels

Please, please, please write your child's name on all of their belongings including jumpers, PE kits, coats, shoes, water bottles and backpacks.

If you have **any** concerns or questions, no matter how small please speak to a member of the KS1 team either before or after school.

Thank you for your continued support and we cannot wait for a fantastic year!

The KS1 Team!

