



We *believe* in ourselves to *achieve* our goals  
and *succeed*

### [Year 1 Parents Information Booklet](#) [Spring Term 1 2024](#)

At Hackwood Primary Academy, we believe that learning is a two-way partnership, involving school and home. We hope this leaflet will answer some of your questions as your child learns in Year 1 and gives you some ideas of ways to help at home!

Inside this booklet you will see what your child is studying this half term. Please take time to read through and discuss this with your child.

Should you require any further information about the curriculum or any other queries please ask to speak to a member of staff.

### [Teaching and Learning Staff](#)

Class: Woodpeckers

Teacher: Miss Hussain

Teaching Assistants: Miss Mousley



### [Homework](#)

Homework will be given out on the first Friday of the half-term, which will consist of different learning activities. Children will be expected to complete these activities over the half-term and record them via the I pads or on paper. Children should send in their completed homework via Seesaw as and when they have completed it.

### [Knowledge Organisers](#)

At Hackwood Primary Academy we have Knowledge Organisers (KOs) in class and as homework, to help children learn the essential knowledge they need for each topic they study. A Knowledge Organiser sets out in detail what we want children to know by heart by the end of the topic. We expect the majority of children to be able to recall all of the information on the KO by the end of the topic.

### [Reading](#)

Your child will have a home school diary and 2 reading books, which will need to be taken home and returned to school every day. Your child should read at home every day and an adult will need to sign to show that your child has read to an adult. Reading diaries will be checked every week. A school adult will read with your child at least once every 2 weeks.

### [PE Kits](#)

Your child will need correct PE kit. As the weather gets colder, we will allow children to wear dark jogging bottoms. We will be doing PE every week on Tuesday and Friday.

*Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform every day.  
Make sure that all clothing is clearly labelled.*

### [Websites to help](#)

BBC Bitesize – Numbots – Phonicsplay– Topmarks

## Science

In Science we will be identifying and naming a variety of common animals including, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will use our knowledge to compare different animals.



## History

N/A – this half term our focus is Geography.



## Geography

In Geography we will be learning about the 4 countries that form the United Kingdom and their capital cities. We will explore the weather patterns in these countries and use simple maps to identify the United Kingdom.



## Reading

We will be reading a variety of texts linked to our topic to build our reading skills.

- 'Pussycat, pussycat where have you been?'
- 'Seahorses'
- 'Polar bears'
- Weekly 60 second reads to develop reading fluency



## Enrichment

We will take part in Number day. We will have an afternoon party where we will learn about morris dancing and British traditions!



## Outcome

Understand how to be **respectful**, show **perseverance** and take **pride** in everything we do. Improve our reading, writing and mathematical skills.



## Maths

In maths we will:



Continue developing or understanding of place value to 20 by comparing amounts using more than, less than and equal to.

We shall be building on this knowledge to add and subtract a variety of numbers to by counting on and back, making number bonds and bridging through 10.

We shall finish off the half term by reading and writing numbers to 50.

## Writing Opportunities

We will perform the 'Grandma rap'.



We will also write:  
A humorous comic strip  
A postcard of a fictional trip to London



## Key Texts

Grandma Rap  
No Nancy, No!  
Oi Dog  
Non-Fiction texts about the 4 countries in the UK.  
Non-fiction texts about animals.

# Year 1

## Spring 1

Key Question/Topic: Great Britain Now

## PSHE

In PSHE we will learn about a range of safety measures we can take to protect ourselves such as medicine safety, sun safety, road safety, e-safety and more.



## Harmony Pledge.

To be safe, healthy and happy  
To be expert learners  
To be workwise.



## Music

Through Music Express we will explore changes in tempo and how to follow a steady beat.



## Computing

We will be exploring more features of Purple Mash and learning about animated stories.



## Art/DT

In Art we will be creating clay sculptures of landmarks.



## PE

In PE are exploring 'Dance' and improving our movement skills (co-ordination, catching, running and more) through our unit on 'Fundamentals'.



## Phonics

We will learn how to read and write Phase 5 alternative graphemes for phonemes we know from Phase 3.



## RE

We will be learning about sacred books such as the Holy Bible and the Qur'an and stories within them.

