



**Heathland
School**

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1 at Heathland School. The Year 1 teachers would like to take this opportunity to share some important information with you.

The teachers in Year 1 are Miss McDonnell (Mango class), Ms Pan (Acer class) and Miss Okosi (Cherry class).

We have lots of exciting learning planned for this term, including our own dinosaur museum and a production. Year 1 will be learning about the following topics:

- Why did dinosaurs and humans never meet?
- How are stories told?

For maths, pupils will be building on their knowledge of number and calculation. In English, we will be learning about narrative and characters. We will also be creating fact files for our dinosaur museums. Pupils will be developing their next steps from Reception in both their English and maths learning. Our science skills for the first half term will be lifecycles, living and non-living and learning to make a simple electrical circuit in the second half term.

Reading is a very important part of a child's learning and we encourage this by reading regularly in class. Age and ability appropriate reading books are used in school and will be sent home on a Thursday for home reading at least once a week. This will also be sent home with a 'Reading Record and Phonics log' for parents to record comments. Please read the information provided in this record for parents/carers. The middle of the record book has a phonics guide and tips for reading which is very helpful in assisting your child in reading. Please try to take the time to read with your child whenever possible. If you do not yet belong to your local library take the chance to explore all of their wonderful books and resources for free.

Please can we remind you to ensure your child is provided with a complete PE kit (white t-shirt, blue shorts, blue tracksuit bottoms and plimsoles) and that it is **labelled clearly** and placed in a named draw string bag, which should remain in school at all times.



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No jewellery is allowed for PE lessons. Year 1 has PE on **Monday and Tuesdays**. In Year 1 children should come to school dressed in full school uniform and will change for PE at the required time. Please do not send your child to school dressed in their PE kit.

If your child requires any PE kit, or any other uniform with the Heathland logo on (including book bags), this is all available to buy from the school office. Please ensure anything your child brings to school has their name clearly marked on it.

If your child has a packed lunch, please ensure this is provided each day in a small lunch box or plastic container, with your child's name clearly marked on it.

Children in Year 1 should bring in a blue Heathland School book bag every day. Larger bags are not suitable due to storage space in the classroom and the hall.

Children in Year 1 will be given 2 pieces of home learning every week which will mainly include maths and English. Home learning will be given out each **Friday** and is due back into school the following **Wednesday**. Your child will be supplied with a Home Learning Book, which they will bring home each week. Please support your child in completing all their home learning and bringing it into school on the correct day.

We look forward to working with you to ensure your child has an enjoyable and productive time in Year 1. If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Miss McDonnell

Miss Okosi

Ms Pan

Mango class

Cherry class

Acer class