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## **Year 1 Autumn Term 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 and Ms Ransom (Mango class), Ms Lall (Acer class) and Miss McCann (Cherry class).

We have lots of exciting learning planned for this term, including learning all about dinosaurs, creating puppets and watching a virtual show! 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 going on a walk to explore the senses in different settings. Pupils will be developing their next steps from Reception in both their English and Math's learning. Our science skills for the first half term will be lifecycles and habitats.

Reading is a very important part of a child's learning and we encourage this by reading regularly in class. Colour banded reading books appropriate to your child's next step will be sent home on a Thursday for home reading. 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. In the middle of the record book it has a phonics guide and tips for reading which is very helpful in assisting your child. 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 comes to school in a complete PE kit on a **Monday and Thursday** (white t-shirt, blue shorts, blue tracksuit bottoms and plimsoles) and that they have a jumper for when it is cold. To keep children safe in school **No jewellery** is allowed for PE lessons.

If your child requires any PE kit, or any other uniform with the Heathland logo on this is purchased via Mapac, our preferred uniform supplier.



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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 **Wednesday** and is due back into school the following **Monday**. 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 time in Year 1. If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Miss McDonnell and Mrs Ransom  
Miss McCann  
Ms Lall

Mango class  
Cherry class  
Acer class