

Hemingford Grey Newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope that you enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. The children have returned to school ready to learn with lots of enthusiasm. The year 1s have settled in well and they are demonstrating some good learning attitudes. The year 2s have been very supportive to their new classmates and they have also modelled good learning behaviours. We have many exciting things planned this term. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come and talk to a member of the team.

Best wishes, Miss Atkins, Miss Griffiths, and Mr Mephram

Reading books

Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and reading record to school **every day**. Your child may be asked to read one to one with an adult during any given point in the week, and it can be disruptive if the book is not in school. Please read at least 5 times a week with your child.

'Between the pages of a book is a wonderful place to be.'

Anonymous

Spelling Homework

Please ensure that your child regularly practises reading their tricky word card at home as well as learning to spell them. Tricky words can be found in the back of your child's reading record.

Every two weeks your child will receive spelling homework linked to the sounds and spelling rules that they have been learning in class.

Please ensure that your child completes this homework and returns it on time as stated on the homework.

Times tables

Throughout the year, we will be focusing on ensuring that children have fluently learnt the times tables that are relevant to their year group expectations. For Year 1, this is 2x, 5x and 10x tables and for Year 2, 2x, 3x, 5x and 10x tables. These are high expectations, and practising them regularly at home will support your child in meeting them.

You can find the list of the times tables in the back of your child's reading record and you can tick the stages of where your child is in their learning at the back e.g. step 1 - chant the times tables, step 2 - say the number sentences and step 3 - know them.



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Dates for your Diary:

14th September - Mr Mephams's Coffee Morning
19th September - KS1 Meet the teachers.
20th September - Miss Atkins'/Mr Mephams's walk
21st September - Miss Griffiths' walk
21st September - Parent open afternoon 3pm.
5th October - Miss Griffiths' Coffee Morning
W/B 8th October - NO CLUBS
9th October - Parents' Evening 3.30pm-7pm
11th October - Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6pm
18th October - Mr Mephams's Come to Lunch
19th October - Miss Atkins' Coffee Morning
W/B 22nd October - HALF TERM
29th October - INSET DAY
15th November - Mrs Hampton's (Miss Griffiths')
Come to Lunch
16th November - Children in Need
22nd November - Miss Atkins' Come to Lunch
30th November - Christmas Fayre
7th December - Christmas Lunch
12th December - KS1 Performance 2pm
13th December - KS1 Performance 2pm
18th December - KS1 Church Visit
18th December - KS1 Party
19th December - Pantomime
19th December - END OF TERM

P.E.

This term, PE will continue to take place on Wednesday afternoons. We continue to work alongside Huntingdon Gymnastics Club and St Neots Football Academy, whose coaches will be working with class teachers to deliver high quality PE lessons. Please ensure that your child has appropriate PE kit in school every day, which should include outdoor trainers, navy/black shorts or jogging bottoms, a white/navy blue top and jumper. Children with long hair will be asked to tie it in a ponytail so please ensure that your child has a bobble in school. Also, earrings must be removed or covered with tape for health and safety purposes.

This term's theme for Years 1 and 2 is *'Maps and globes. What do they tell us about the world?'* We will be using maps and globes to find out about the local environment, the UK and other countries around the world. We will also be learning about different people, their cultures and the way in which they live.

If you have any artefacts related to countries from around the world or if you are particularly knowledgeable in this area and are willing to get involved, please talk to your child's class teacher.

"Do not judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again."

Nelson Mandela