



HAGBOURNE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear families,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you and your family had a lovely half term. I just wanted to take this opportunity to send out a little more information ahead of what will be a busy term in the run up to Christmas.

As before, if you have any questions or worries please don't hesitate to write a note, catch me on the gate (for short queries) or arrange a meeting or telephone call if needed. An indication of what you would like to discuss is always appreciated so I can be organised when we meet. If children are to be away from school for illness or any other reason, we ask that the school is informed either by telephone or with a written note as before.

The children have had an amazing start to the school year and their independence when arriving in the morning has allowed us to make the most of our learning time so thank you for your support with this.

Curriculum and Learning

Please see the [Year 1 Topic Web page](#) for more detailed information on our topics for this term.

We will continue to have daily phonics lessons and hear your child read regularly. This will be in guided sessions, small groups and 1:1 (with a variety of adults). Please get your child to **read the phonics books four times** to develop fluency and sight vocabulary. This is already having a positive impact on children's reading, thank you for this. I will continue to change the books weekly on a Friday.

I will be sending home 'Harder to Read and Spell' words this term with their reading books. For maths work at home, I recommend Karate Maths on the BBC site or White Rose 1-Minute Maths app (free to download from the App Store). Generally, if your child is keen to 'do more' at home, please also work on number bonds to 10 in maths and writing full sentences with capital letters and full stops about anything they are interested in or have done. Any activities to improve hand strength are also really useful. These include playdoh, Hama beads, Lego, using tweezers etc.

General Points

- PE has changed to a **Tuesday and Wednesday**. Gymnastics and Games/tag rugby. As it gets colder children can wear tracksuit bottoms or leggings with the usual polo shirt/jumper.
- No Forest School or swimming this term.

- Please make sure everything is named as this helps to ensure children are going home with the right jumpers. It also means any uniform will always find its way back to you!
- Children need a warm, waterproof coat and sturdy school shoes everyday as we often go outside. Hats and gloves will be needed as it gets colder.
- Year 1 & 2 Nativity! I will send out more information closer to the time about costumes/props needed.

And Finally...

A big thank you for all your support so far this year - we have had a fantastic start. We are fully into the swing of things and the children all seem happy and settled.

Miss Breeze and the Year 1 team.