



10th September 2021

Dear Year 1 Parents/Guardians,

I hope you have managed to find some time to relax and enjoy yourselves over the summer break. Your children have already made a positive and enthusiastic start to Year 1. I am very impressed with how quickly they have settled and adapted to the new timetable. We will soon have a class meeting, in which I will be able to give you more details, but here is some of the important information.

You are invited to a 'Meet the Teacher' meeting in the hall on **Thursday, 16th September at 3.30pm.** (One parent per family and please wear a mask.)

The Year 1 staff:

Anna Class Teacher

Sandra Teaching Assistant

Sophie Teaching Assistant

Start of the Day:

School begins at 8.55 am and finishes at 3.20 pm. It is very important that your child arrives on time as we begin our reading groups immediately after the register.

Class Topic:

Our topic for the term will be 'Friends and Neighbours'. The children will explore our school and local area, creating maps and writing about the information they gather. They will draw buildings and explore the work of different architectural artists. They will also learn about their body parts and senses and use different materials to create self-portraits. They will observe the weather and develop an understanding of seasonal change.

In English, the children will use the story of 'Beegu', by Alexis Deacon to stimulate their work about our local area and some of Lauren Child's 'Charlie and Lola' stories as a starting point for writing their own stories based in familiar settings

In Maths, the children will learn how to represent numbers using a range of equipment, continue to develop their understanding number sequence and use simple calculation strategies for problem-solving.

Phonics:

We will have a daily phonics session; beginning with consolidation of last year's learning and then introducing new ways of writing speech sounds.

Guided reading

Your child will soon be bringing home a guided reading book each week. We will let you know which day they will be changing their book.

PE:

The class will have PE with Coach Charlie on Wednesdays and with me on Fridays. They do not need to change for PE but please ensure that they are wearing suitable clothes on these days (trainers, jogging bottoms).

Music

The children will have a music lesson with Olga on Wednesday afternoons.

Home Learning

Home learning will be set on Seesaw each Friday. There will sometimes be paper sheets to accompany this. It must be completed by the following Friday. Encourage your child to try their best and to take care over the presentation of their work.

Trips

We will be going on a walk in the local area on Monday 20th September and visiting Rochester Terrace Gardens to observe seasonal change on Monday 4th October. We would be very grateful for parent volunteers to help on these trips so please let Sandra or me know if you are available.

I am looking forward to working closely with you over the coming year to support your child's learning. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact me. Although it can be very busy when the children are being dismissed, you are welcome to wait in the courtyard to talk to me or we can arrange a telephone appointment at a more convenient time. You can also contact me via Seesaw or by emailing admin@hawley.camden.sch.uk and the office will forward your email to me.

Yours sincerely

Anna Tyler-Ahmed