

## General reminders

- Please ensure that we have the most up to date contact information for you including email addresses and phone numbers. All communications regarding school, will be made via WEDUC and the school website. If you are still not on WEDUC, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.
- All payments will now be taken using Parent Pay. Please ensure your account has been activated. This includes payments for school dinners and any uniforms you wish to order.
- If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please make an appointment with the office. Quick messages can be passed on with the member of staff that is at the school gate.
- We are now able to offer the Friday dinner option for children who are normally packed lunch. Please make payments via Parent Pay in advance.
- Please ensure children are not wearing jewellery to school. One pair of stud earrings is fine, but children should not be wearing rings, bracelets and necklaces.
- Miss Cayless: t.cayless@highfields-pri.leicester.sch.uk
- Miss Waka: t.waka@highfields-pri.leicester.sch.uk

# HIGHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Curriculum Information for Year 1 parents Autumn Term 2024–2025

### Homework

It is very important that your child reads their phonics reading book at home **daily**. Your child will need to practice reading and writing their High Frequency Words regularly too. Any additional homework that is given will be sent home, in your child's homework book, on a **Friday** and is to consolidate the learning that takes place in class. The homework needs to be returned the following **Monday**. Thank You.

### P.E. Lessons

Your child's P.E. lesson is on:

- ♦ Miss Waka : Tuesday
- ♦ Miss Cayless: Tuesday



Your child will need to wear their PE kit to school. This is a pair of **black or grey jogging bottoms**, a **house colour T-shirt** and some **trainers**. **No football shoes**. Sometimes, we will be doing PE outside so your child should wear a zip up **grey or black hoodie/fleece** too. **No earrings** should be worn on their P.E. day as they will have to be removed/covered for them to take part. Thank you.

Please visit our school website for up to date information about the curriculum:

[www.highfields-pri.leicester.sch.uk](http://www.highfields-pri.leicester.sch.uk)

There is lots more news and information on our Weduc app. Please call into school for your code if you have not downloaded it to your phone yet.

# Where I live



## Geography

Our context this half term will be about 'Where I live'. The children will learn lots of geographical skills in this unit. The children will go for local walks and use simple maps to locate places/buildings in our local area such as Spinney Hill Park.



## PSHE

The first unit of our scheme of work is called Being me in my World. The children will learn about their rights and responsibilities. They will begin to identify what makes them special.



## PE

In PE, Year 1 children will learn to apply their throwing and catching skills whilst working collaboratively in small teams. They will be learning key skills needed to play team games.



Physical Education

## RE

This half term children will be exploring what Muslims and Christians believe in.



## Computing

The children will learn how to switch on a laptop and develop their skills in using a keyboard and a mouse.



## Art & Design

During Art lessons, children will be learning different drawing and painting techniques. They will also learn about colours and colour mixing.



## Music

In Music this half term the children will be learning about pulse. The children will learn to identify the difference between long and short sounds and be able to follow musical directions by playing faster and slower.



## English

### Phonics

- Children will be revisiting phase 2/3 sounds from Foundation Stage to make sure their knowledge is secure before moving on to the next phase.
- Regular daily phonics sessions will ensure your child will be able to develop their reading skills.

### Reading

- Children will be using their knowledge of phonics to read simple sentences
- They will be learning some Year 1 High Frequency Words
- Children will be learning key decoding strategies to help them read words

### Writing

- Use their phonic knowledge to write words and begin to form sentences.

## Maths

In Maths, we will be focussing on:

- Number and place value ensuring that children can count objects up to 20, order them and be able to say which number is one more or one less
- Adding and subtracting single digit numbers.
- Solving problems including addition and subtraction.

## Science

We will be learning about Animals including Humans. The children will learn how to group animals together. They will also learn about the names of their body parts and their senses and have a go at using their senses. Towards the end of the term children will start to learn about Autumn by observing how the outside world changes. Children will also have an opportunity to look at the weather and notice how it is different to the rest of the year.

