Henry Chadwick Primary School

Year 1/2 Newsletter – Autumn 2 2026

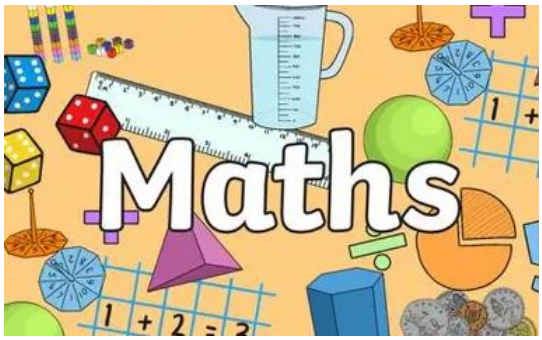


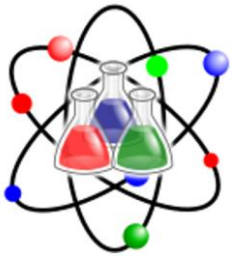
English:
In Year 1 and 2, we will use the beautiful story *The Quiet Little Firework* to inspire our writing. We will create our own firework poems and use exciting vocabulary to describe the sights, sounds and colours we imagine. We will learn how to use commas in a list to improve our punctuation and organise our ideas clearly. We will also develop our use of expanded noun phrases to make our writing more descriptive and engaging, for example *the dazzling, golden firework* and *the enormous, booming rocket*. We will enjoy sharing our poems aloud and will continue to grow as confident, imaginative writers.

Phonics:
We will work in four small groups lead by Miss Budden, Mrs Smith, Mrs Crawley and Miss Devenney, to learn our phonics to decode words and develop our reading skills. Books will be sent home to support our learning.

Numeracy:
This half term, we will be learning about addition and subtraction within 20. We will use practical resources, number lines and pictorial methods to deepen our understanding of number. We will practise adding and subtracting within 20, explore number bonds and fact families, and use our knowledge to solve a range of mathematical problems. We will also explain our reasoning and choose efficient strategies to help us calculate accurately. Through fluency, reasoning and problem-solving activities, we will continue to build our confidence and develop a secure understanding of addition and subtraction.

We will be embracing mastery maths daily to deepen our learning and understanding of mathematical concepts. This approach encourages us to explore topics like addition and subtraction through practical problem-solving.





Topic
History
In Year 1 and 2, we will be exploring 'What is History?' We will create personal timelines and use the words *before* and *after* to talk about events in our lives. We will share holiday memories, compare holidays from the past with those of today and use photographs to help us ask and answer questions about the past. We will identify similarities and differences between life now and in the past and develop our understanding of how people's experiences can change over time.

Science
In Year 1, we will be learning about our 'Sensitive Bodies' in Science. We will draw and label parts of the human body and discover which body parts are linked to our five senses. We will compare and group body parts, collect and record data in tables, measure using non-standard units and look for patterns in our results. Through practical investigations, we will become curious and confident young scientists.



ICT

We will be learning about 'Commands Unplugged' in Computing. We will discover what commands are and how they help us give clear instructions. We will follow, create and order commands correctly, learn why instructions must be in sequence and spot mistakes to fix them. We will also check and share our instructions, helping us to think logically and become confident young programmers.

RE

In Year 1 and 2, we are exploring the question 'Why is light important to people?' We are sharing our experiences of candles and learning how light is used in different faiths and celebrations, including Diwali, Advent and Hanukkah. We are discovering what diyas symbolise and discussing what candles mean to us and to others. Through our learning, we are developing respect and understanding for different beliefs and traditions.



PSHE

This half term, we will be exploring 'The Online World' in PSHE. We will learn about the different ways we use the internet in our daily lives and how to behave kindly and respectfully online. We will discuss the importance of balancing screen time with other activities and learn simple ways to stay safe. We will also learn what to do if we see something online that is not suitable and identify trusted adults who can help us.





P.E:

PE days will be on a Monday and Thursday; children are to come to school in their PE kits on these days.

Monday PE lessons we will be exploring multi-skills. We will practise running, jumping, sending and retrieving in a range of fun games and activities. We will learn how to control our movements, improve our coordination and work cooperatively with others. Through these lessons, we will build our confidence, agility and teamwork skills while enjoying being active and healthy.

Thursday PE lessons this term; we will be developing our confidence and skills when using gym apparatus in PE. We will learn how to travel, balance, climb and move safely using a variety of equipment. We will practise linking movements together, improving our coordination and control, and exploring different ways to move creatively and confidently. Through these activities, we will build strength, balance and resilience while working safely and supporting one another.



<u>Reading</u>

The children will be bringing home a book that reflects their phonic lesson in school. We cannot express enough the importance of hearing your children read regularly and asking them questions about the book that they are reading. This builds up a range of skills that are vital to your child's progress in all areas of the curriculum. The expectation is that children read at home at least three times a week and that this is recorded by an adult in their planners.

<u>Golden Mile</u>

Each afternoon we will be going outside to take part in the 'golden mile' by either walking or running. This is not competitive and the children will only do what they can and are comfortable with.

<u>Homework</u>

Homework will be set each week on a Friday to be returned on a Wednesday. The homework will consist of spelling and phonics/English/maths.

	Communication Please remember that the door is always open and if you have any concerns or queries, we will happily meet you at a convenient time to discuss these. Miss Budden