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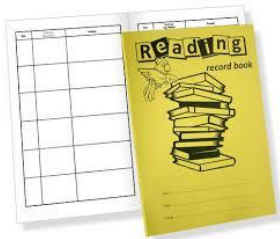
## Autumn Term Newsletter for Year 1

### Welcome to Year 1!

This year, Miss Gwynne is the teacher in Year 1. We also have Miss Greenwood and Miss King supporting our learning. Please have a read of this newsletter to find out what we will be doing this term.



At Northbrook, each of our classes is named after an inspirational person to help spark ambition, resilience, and curiosity in our learners. In Year 1, our class is proudly named after Ellie Simmonds — a world-renowned Paralympic swimmer. Ellie is famous for her incredible achievements in the pool, having won multiple gold medals for Great Britain despite being born with achondroplasia, a form of dwarfism. Her determination, courage, and positive spirit make her a fantastic role model for our children as they begin their learning journey. We look forward to learning more about Ellie's life, her achievements, and the values she embodies throughout the year.



### Reading

Reading is an essential part of your child's education here at Northbrook and you can continue to support this at home. We expect all children to read at least four times each week. Reading records should be in school every day as usual and checked by Miss Greenwood and Miss Quinn on a Friday.

### Maths

For our Maths lessons, we follow White Rose Maths. We will be starting the Autumn term with a unit on place value, before moving on to addition and subtraction, then begin our unit on shape. We have morning arithmetic tasks set and extra provision around the classroom to support children's fluency.

## PE

Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday.

On PE days, children will need to bring their PE kit into school in a separate bag (Purple PE t-shirt, black shorts and pumps/trainers).

Children can also bring outdoor kits if they wish to.



## Curriculum Overview

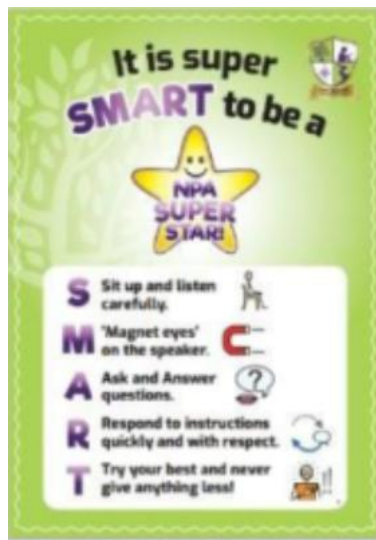
This half term we will be enjoying the book 'Harry the Happy Mouse'. Harry The Happy Mouse is a cheerful, traditional story about a mouse called Harry who lives in the colourful English countryside. We will be writing our own adventure stories and innovating with our own ideas. We will also be looking at toys old and new and creating our own exhibition of toys, writing captions, descriptions and providing information.

We begin our journey into history by exploring what history is and why it matters. Children will learn that history is the study of the past — the people, places, and events that have shaped our world. We start close to home by learning about the history of our school, helping children understand how things have changed over time and why those changes are important. Through stories, photos, and visits around the school grounds, pupils will discover how Northbrook has grown and developed, and they'll begin to ask questions like historians do: *What happened? When? Why?* This exciting introduction lays the foundation for a lifelong curiosity about the past and how it connects to their own lives.

The partnership between home and school is essential, thank you for your support and if you do have any questions, please ask.



The NPA Way!



Whilst at school, children are expected to be an NPA Superstar! Following our SMART values ensures that every child is ready to learn and is able to reach their full potential.

## Our timetable



**Northbrook Primary Academy Timetable 2025 2026**

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.45 - 8.55 / 9	Grammar Morning Work	Phonics Morning Work	Retrieval wider curriculum	Arithmetic Morning Work	Arithmetic Morning Work
9.00 - 9.20	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics
9.20 - 9.45					
9.45 - 10:00	English input	English input	English input	English input	Comprehension
10:00- 10:45	Focussed task/ Continuous provision	Focussed task/ Continuous provision	Focussed task/ Continuous provision	Focussed task/ Continuous provision	Focussed task/ Continuous provision
10.45 - 11	Break				
11 - 11.15	Maths input	Maths input	Maths input	Maths input	Maths input
11.15 - 11:45	Focussed task/ Continuous provision	Focussed task/ Continuous provision	Focussed task/ Continuous provision	Focussed task/ Continuous provision	Focussed task/ Continuous provision

11:45-12:00	Mastering Number	Mastering Number	Mastering Number	Mastering Number	Mastering Number
12.15 - 1.00	Lunch				
1.00 - 3.15	PE  Phonics Blast  Music Focussed task/ Continuous provision  2.45pm - Whole School Assembly	Phonics Blast  Science Focussed task/ Continuous provision  Science Focussed task/ Continuous provision  2.45pm - Picture News (Phase 1)	Class reader  History Focussed task / Continuous provision  PE  2.45pm - Singing Assembly	Phonics Blast  RE (Taught by Miss Hall)  PSHE (Taught by Miss Hall)  2.45pm -PSHE Assembly	Class reader  DT Focussed task / Continuous provision  Computing  2.40pm - Celebration Assembly

## Up-coming Dates

### September

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - INSET

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - INSET

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Children Start

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> - Meet The Teacher - 5pm

WB Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Y6 Baseline Tests

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> - Birthday Lunch

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> - Macmillan Coffee Morning (a letter will be sent out)

### October

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> - Birthday Lunch

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> - Community Voice

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> - Parent's Evening

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> - INSET WHOLE TRUST

### November

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Children start back

WB 17<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Test Week

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> - Birthday Lunch

**December**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> - Birthday Lunch

Christmas Dates TBC

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> - finish 2.10pm (Infants)/2.15pm (Juniors)

\*Children return to school Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026\*