

AUTUMN TERM

YEAR

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CURRICULUM LETTER

September 2026

East Park Primary School

Welcome to the Autumn Term in Year One

Mr Burletson
Mrs Makey and Miss Alsop
Miss Beckett
Miss Goldspink
Mrs Baldwin

Supported by Mrs Franklin, Mrs Sage and Mrs Foston

SCHOOL TIMES

In the morning, the school gates will open at 8:30am. The school day will start at 8:35am when the support staff and teachers opening the doors to let the children into school. Please wait on the playground until the doors to your child's entrance door opens. At 8.45am all gates on the school site will be locked; the only access into school will be via the School Main Office.

Before and After School Clubs are available, please enquire at the Main Office.

Lunch break commences at 11:40am and finishes at 12:40pm. If you have any old games, toys or creative activity resources that you would like to donate for lunchtimes, please send them in with your child. All school gates will open at 3pm.

KEY INFORMATION

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school uniform is as follows:

- A blue sweatshirt or cardigan, with or without the school logo.
- A yellow polo shirt.
- A pair of black school trousers or school shorts (not PE Shorts).
- A school checked tartan pleated skirt, black skirt or pinafore dress which must be knee length.
- A blue or yellow knee length gingham summer dress.
- A blue or yellow knee length gingham summer skirt.
- A pair of black or white socks.
- A pair of black tights.
- A pair of plain black shoes or plain black trainers

As we reach the colder months, the weather will change. Please can you ensure pupils come to school wearing appropriate waterproof footwear and a warm coat.

High heels are not permitted: sensible, plain black shoes or trainers must be worn by all children. Black jeans, leggings or cycling shorts are not permitted in day-to-day uniform. Please can we remind you that children must not wear any jewellery except a watch or a pair of small stud ear-rings in their ears. Additionally, the children should not be wearing false (acrylic) nails, nail varnish or make-up.

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PE

P.E. will take place every Wednesday and Thursday. Pupils must come to school in their PE kit, which they can wear for the full day. It is the parents/carers responsibility for ensuring their child is dressed appropriately for PE. The PE kit is as follows:

- A plain blue polo/PE t-shirt—with or without the school logo.
- A pair of plain black tracksuit bottoms or leggings.
- A pair of plain black shorts.
- A pair of suitable trainers. Due to health and safety, children will not be permitted to take part in the PE lesson if they do not have suitable footwear.
- A waterproof jacket and/or a plain hoodie for inclement weather.

Plain blue t-shirts must not be crop tops.

Plain black shorts must be of an appropriate length, no gymnastic style short, shorts.

No football or rugby kits are to be worn.

No jewellery is to be worn, therefore, if earrings are not removed micropore tape/plasters must be provided.

HOMEWORK

READING

As part of your child's weekly homework, we ask that they complete **1 hour of reading** at home per week, which should be recorded by an adult in their Home/School Reading Record Book. This can include reading their reading book, a book from home or sharing a story. From past experience, we recognise that reading at home can help pupils to make significant progress. The class teacher will keep a weekly log of your child's reading at home. Children will also earn rewards such as golden tickets and will work towards earning the end of term reading achievement based upon the amount of home reading they have completed. School reading books will be changed weekly, or as required.

SPELLING

Children who have reached a level of fluency and competency in phonics will receive weekly spellings to learn each week (issued on Tuesdays) and these will be tested on the following Monday. As part of the homework task, we ask that all pupils regularly log onto their Spelling Shed account to practise their words through a range of interactive games. Please help your child to practise their spellings developing recall of letter order and understanding of the spelling patterns being focused on. It is also useful for the children to look up the word meanings in a dictionary and to discuss the rules and letter choices.

MATHS

All children will have maths homework set in a book that they will bring home on a Friday with the expectation that this is completed and returned by the following Wednesday at the latest. We are hoping that the return to book-based homework will enable parents and carers to see what their child is working on and also help with number formation, and arithmetic with all children in Year 1.

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HEALTHY SNACKS, DRINKS AND UNIFORM

Pupils are able to bring a healthy snack for break time, such as a piece of fruit or a cereal bar but this must not contain chocolate or nuts. This should be separate from any packed lunch items. We also have pupils with an egg allergy so please do not send egg sandwiches for lunch.

Please provide a named water bottle, which is to be taken home daily to be washed and refilled. Pupils can refill their bottles with water during the school day if required.

We have already amassed 'lost' school uniform that has no way of identifying who it belongs to. Please ensure all your child's uniform has their names written inside each garment so that we can make sure it always comes back home with them each day.

ITEMS FROM HOME

We kindly remind all families about our school policy regarding items brought from home. To ensure a safe and focused learning environment for everyone, we ask that children do not bring toys or other personal belongings from home to school.

We appreciate your support in helping us uphold this policy. If there is a specific, school-related reason your child needs to bring an item from home, such as for a show-and-tell or a class project, the teacher will notify you in advance. Otherwise, we encourage you to remind your child that school is a place for learning and playing with the resources and equipment we have available in school.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

All communication with staff must be made via contacting the school office in person or by email. Messages will then be forwarded to the relevant staff member.

admin@eastpark.horizonacademy.uk

We look forward to working with you and your child so that we have a happy and successful term.

Mr P Burletson
Year 1 Leader



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Respect, grow, believe and achieve together