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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back

I hope you all had a wonderful and restful summer break. It is with great joy and anticipation that I welcome you back to a new academic year at William Hulme's Grammar School Primary Phase.

Our wonderful staff are excited to begin another year of learning, discovery, and growth. We look forward to supporting every child as they explore new ideas, build friendships, and achieve their personal best.

Please take a moment to review the school timetable and upcoming events carefully—there's lots to look forward to, and we wouldn't want anyone to miss out!

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Miss Leigh Dalton

Head of School (Primary Phase)

Coming up...

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| 26th September | Individual Photo Day |
| 1st October | Black History Month |
| 8th October | Parents Evening |
| 14th October | Y4 Ness Gardens Trip |
| 15th October | Y5 Forest School Trip |
| 20th October | Y6 Residential |
| 22nd October | Culture Day |
| 24th October | Flu Vaccinations |
| 12th November | Y1 Chester Zoo Trip |
| 14th November | Non-uniform Day |
| 25th November | Come and Chat |
| 26th November | Y3 Forest School |
| 28th November | Non- uniform Day |
| 4&5th December | School Closed |
| 9th December | Y5 Airport Trip |
| 10th December | Christmas Fair |
| 11th December | Christmas Jumper Day |
| 12th December | Nativity |
| 15th December | Careers Day |
| 15th December | Careers Day |
| 16th December | Y3&4 Christmas Carol Show |
| 17th December | Christmas Dinner |
| 18th December | Christmas Party |
| 19th December | Red Riding Hood Panto |
| 19th December | Term Ends |

Attendance:

Be Here for your Future!

This year as a school we are aiming for 96% attendance for all our year groups!

This is a goal we feel we can achieve with your help and support. Keeping your child's absences to a minimum will help to ensure good learning and development right from the start of this new school year.

Being in school is the first step to success.

Nursery

This half term, we will be singing lots of nursery rhymes and sharing a variety of familiar stories.

The two books we will be focussing on are:

- Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell and
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear by Bill Martin/Eric Carle

We will repeat the stories over a number of weeks and it will help the children with their listening skills and improve their memory. We will also be focusing on how to look after books and how to tidy our book area.

We will begin our Funky Finger Session in the next few weeks, working every day on our fine motor skills.

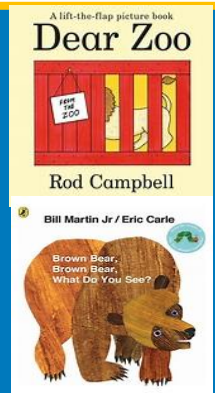
A big focus this first half term will be looking after our lovely environment and learning how to use our resources correctly. We are going to work on getting to know each other, being kind, helpful and learning to share.

We will learn different number rhymes and recite and chant numbers to 10 on a daily basis. We will do a lot of work around arrays of numbers, using a dice as our main focus.

The children will have plenty of opportunities to be creative with painting, collaging and mark making. They will also be encouraged to use their imagination in the role play and small world areas.

We have a fantastic outside space where the children have lots of opportunities to develop their physical, investigative and social skills.

Miss Fletcher, Mrs Halsall, and Mrs Williams



Reminders:

Clothing

- Please label all jumpers and coats to avoid confusion.
- Make sure your child has a waterproof coat and sturdy shoes. Please provide wellington boots, which are to stay in school. Please write their name inside them.
- Please send a drawstring bag with a full change of clothes including spare shoes and socks. Baby wipes and a plastic bag would also be helpful. **(Can we please remind you that we expect your child to be fully toilet trained and able to wash their hands.)**

Snacks and water

- Fruit and milk will be offered on a daily basis so please do not send in snacks.
- Please provide a water bottle every day. Label this with their name. Juice is not permitted.

Picking up

- If your child is being picked up by anyone different, please inform us in the morning or ring the office during the day.

Early Year's Fund

To contribute towards our Early Years fund, we ask parents to pay £1 per week or £7 for this half term. This is for enhancing the provision linked to children's interests.

Upcoming Events:

- We stagger the start dates carefully in order to help our children form relationships with the staff, become familiar with their environment and the routine of the day. We are encouraging parents/carers to say goodbye to their child at the door as it eases the settling process. Obviously, we will be sensitive to individual cases.
- Take a book home/book in a box
- First Parent's Evening - 6th October and 8th October
- Learn with Me – 16th October

Homework

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Reception

Welcome to an exciting new year ahead!

This half term we will be taking time to get to know all the children, including helping them to make new friends and understand our classroom routines.

We will enjoy exploring our new surroundings and learn how to use a range of resources independently including the painting area, mud kitchen, water and sand. Sometimes the children might come home a little messy but that is a good sign that they have had a go at something new for themselves.

We will be fostering a love of reading with daily stories and access to a wide range of books. In addition, we will begin teaching the children to read letters and then simple words. We will be learning to tell the story 'From head to toe' and link this learning about ourselves and our world. We will also enjoy using lots of practical resources to count and make numbers up to 5 whilst learning all the different ways we can see numbers in the environment.

We will be learning about different families and what makes us special and unique. We will listen to our friends talk about what they enjoy doing with their family. We will also be participating in weekly PE sessions, starting with locomotion and movement.

We can't wait to get started!

Miss Rathore and Mrs Arnold

Reminders:

Clothing

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Make sure your child has a waterproof coat and sturdy shoes. Please provide wellington boots, which are to stay in school. Please write their name inside them.

PE

PE is every FRIDAY. We will begin using PE kits after next half term. Your child will need a plain, white t-shirt, navy shorts, navy jogging pants and black pumps. This can be left on their peg for the half term.

Water bottle

Please provide a water bottle every day. Label this with their name. Juice is not permitted.

Early Years fund

To contribute towards our Early Years fund, we ask parents to pay £1 per week or £7 for this half term. This is for enhancing the provision linked to children's interests. This can be paid in cash or on parent pay.

Upcoming Events:

Visit to our Secondary school library

First Parent's Evening - 6th October and 8th October

Learn with me session- 13th October Reading and phonics

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Year 1



Welcome to Year 1!

We are so excited to welcome all the children back to school! We cannot wait to get started on all of our wonderful learning.

In English, we will be focusing on the story of 'The Gingerbread Man' and using it to create an exciting lost poster. It would be fantastic if you could regularly talk about the story together at home. This term, we will be focusing on making sure that our letters are formed correctly and they always sit on the line. We will also be challenging ourselves to use finger spaces between each word.

In our Maths learning, we will be learning about place value. This will include working out one more, one less, ordering and comparing numbers up to 10. We will also be using addition and subtraction and eventually be moving onto numbers up to 50.

In Science, we will be learning all about plants, including the names of different plants and what each of the parts are called. Our Geography topic is 'Here I Am'. In this, we will be looking at our local area and we will be drawing and following simple routes. We will also be learning how to identify a physical and a human feature. Reading is a huge part of Year one. We will be having phonics lessons daily as well as engaging in book talk together. Please support your child by reading with them every day. Your child will also be taking a book home weekly. Please make sure that you return your book each week in order to get a new one. We will also be working on our letter formation using the Read Write Inc rhymes to help us.

Miss Ridley and Miss Murdoch

Timetable:

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| English | The Gingerbread Man – lost poster |
| Maths | Place Value |
| Science | Plants |
| Geography | Here I am |
| RE | Who is a Christian |
| PE | Locomotion Basic gymnastic skills |
| Computing | Technology around us |
| DT | Food—fruit kebabs |
| Music | Hey you! |
| PSHE | Health and Wellbeing |

Reminders:

PE Kit

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit with each item of clothing clearly labelled with their name. They will need their PE kit on the following days: Wednesday and Thursday.

In Year 1 children are expected to get changed independently, please practise this at home.

Coats:

Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat with their names clearly labelled.

Uniform

Please use the last page of the newsletter to check that your child has the correct uniform (there are some changes from Reception). Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Homework

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Year 2



Welcome back to a brand-new academic year! We hope you all had a lovely break and are raring to go for the Autumn term. We are really looking forward to getting to know you all and starting a brand-new learning journey.

We will be getting stuck straight into a jam-packed timetable of exciting topics with lots of activities designed to refresh our memories of prior learning and get to know each other better. We know it won't be long before our 'new year group' doesn't feel new at all! In the meantime, please feel free to come and speak to us about anything you are unsure about as we want to make the new year as easy and exciting as possible for everyone.

In English, we will be basing our writing on our class text, Hansel and Gretel, while in Maths we will be building on our knowledge of place value, addition and subtraction from Year 1.

In Science, we will be learning about the conditions that plants need to grow and in Geography we will be practising using and creating maps. In Music we will be learning a song called Hands, Feet, Heart and we will be continuing to improve our singing skills using different games. In Computing, we will learn about the different forms of I.T. and how it is used in different contexts and in D.T. we will be learning about nutrition and creating our own salad. Our R.E. unit will last for the full Autumn term and will consider in depth what it means to be a Muslim. We look forward to getting to know you all. Please do make sure you come and say hello!

Miss Khan and Miss Yardley-Rees

Timetable:

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| English | Setting description, Instructions & Poetry |
| Maths | Place Value, Addition & Subtraction |
| Science | Plant growth |
| Geography | Mini Mappers |
| RE | Who is a Muslim? |
| PE | Dance/ Fundamental Movement skills |
| Computing | I.T around us |
| DT | Food—Salads |
| Music | Hands, Feet, Heart |
| PSHE | Physical Health and Wellbeing |

Reminder:

PE

Children will need their P.E. kits in school on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Coats

As we enter the Autumn term, please ensure your child has a waterproof coat with their names clearly labelled.

Books

Please ensure reading records are brought in daily and phonics books are brought in on our key days.

Home Learning

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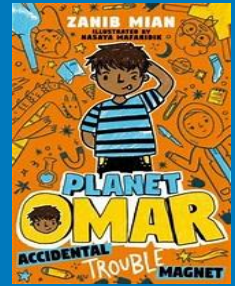
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Year 3

It is lovely to have all the WHGS family back together again! We cannot wait to get back into our routine and start our exciting, new learning! The children are all grown up and ready for their KS2 experience. The One of the books we will be reading as a class is "Omar Accidental Trouble Magnet". The exciting adventures of a young boy who always attracts trouble! The book is part of a series and is an opportunity to extend your child's enjoyment for reading as they can follow Omar's troubles in new settings.



In English, we are refreshing our memories of Tradition Tales and bringing settings to life using detail and description. To help your child bring their writing to life, you could ask them to write a description of a favourite place. Detail what the place looks like and feels like to touch, how it smells and sounds. Handwriting is a big focus in Year 3, as we will be learning to write with joined up writing. It is vital we are now consistently using capital letters and full stops so any opportunities to practice at home through letters, cards, shopping lists would be great!

In Maths, we are starting the term by looking at the place value of numbers up to 1000 and then we will move on to addition and subtraction. As a mathematicians it is also to log onto TT rockstars everyday to practice. Our Geography unit for this half term is The United Kingdom. We will learn what are the key human features of the UK - countries, regions, cities and local surrounding counties to our home. In Science, we will be learning about different types of rocks and soils. We will also be making our own fossils!

Year 3 will have the amazing opportunity to learn to play an instrument this year, the recorder. They will develop many skills such as: listening skills, eye and hand coordination skills, fine motor skills, confidence, and self-esteem. Most importantly, they will have so much fun!

Mr Cragg and Miss Ashworth

Timetable:

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| English | Beat the monster – setting description |
| Maths | Place Value |
| Science | Rocks and Soils |
| Geography | United Kingdom |
| RE | Christianity |
| PE | Invasion games, Health Related Fitness |
| MFL | Greetings |
| Computing | Connecting Computers |
| DT | Sandwich making |
| Music | Recorders |
| PSHE | Health and Well-being |

Reminders:

PE

Year 3 will need to be in their PE kits every Thursday and Friday. It is compulsory to wear the school's official PE kit that consists of navy blue t-shirt with the school logo on the chest.

Reading

Books should be returned on Thursday and new books issued on Friday.

Spelling

Practice the weekly spelling words from the sheet provided.

Homework

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Year 4

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! We are so excited to be back in school with Year 4 and can't wait to start our exciting learning journeys this academic year.

In English, we will explore *How to Train Your Dragon* and will be writing our own adventure stories, focusing on exciting verbs, descriptive phrases, and conjunctions, as well as improving our handwriting. At home, you can support your child by talking through story ideas together, practising their Year 3 and 4 spelling words in fun ways, or encouraging them to illustrate scenes from their stories to bring their adventures to life.

In Maths, we are starting with a place value unit, reminding ourselves about hundreds, tens and ones and also introducing thousands! It is also very important that we learn our times tables this year—by the end of Year 4 children are expected to know all of them up to 12×12 —so we will be doing weekly practise in school. Please practise at home too, using Times Tables Rockstars or by recalling the tables verbally. A few minutes every day will turn you into a times table expert in no time!

In our wider curriculum, there is plenty of opportunity to explore the world around us, promoting curiosity and resilience. In Science, we will be learning about classifying organisms. In geography, we will be travelling into the Southern hemisphere to learn all about Brazil and the different physical regions. In our PSHE lessons, we will be exploring healthy lifestyles and what contributes to them. Throughout the curriculum, we will be thinking about the Rights of the Child and what this means to us. We are particularly excited about music, where we have the opportunity to learn to play the ukulele every week!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a year ahead, packed with learning!

Mrs Hallett, Miss Rathore and Miss Lorimer.

Timetable:

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| English | Adventure story |
| Maths | Place Value |
| Science | Classifying organisms |
| Geography | South America and Brazil |
| RE | Hinduism |
| PE | Tag rugby and Health Related Fitness |
| MFL | Personality and personal descriptions |
| Computing | The internet |
| DT | Making soup |
| Music | Ukulele |
| PSHE | Health and well-being |

Reminders:

Uniform

Please ensure all uniform is labelled with your child's name.

Water bottles

Please ensure all children bring a water bottle to school with them.

P.E.

P.E. will be on Thursday and Friday each week.

Home Readers & reading book

Must be brought in to school every day.

Homework

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Year 5

Welcome back to all families and we hope that you all enjoyed your summer break. We are really looking forward to getting to know all of the new parents and pupils joining us in Year 5.

In English, we will be exploring a text linked to space: *The Kid Who Came from Space* written by Ross Welford. We will be writing our own setting description. We will be revisiting and building on our knowledge from Year 4 such as fronted adverbials, prepositional phrases and descriptive noun phrases. During our English lessons we will also be focusing on our handwriting skills and our Year 5 and 6 spelling words.

In Maths, we will be building our knowledge of place value, working with numbers up to one million. It is essential that children in Year 5 feel confident in their knowledge of their times tables. Regular practise at home on Times Tables Rockstars is a brilliant way to improve both speed and accuracy.

In Science, we are going to be chemists! We will be examining and experimenting with mixtures, finding out how we can combine and separate different substances. We are excited to begin our Year 5 Computing lessons, where we will be learning about how computer systems and networks function. We will be investigating world trade in Geography, investigating a wide range of different countries and learning about products such as a banana may have travelled tens of thousands of miles before it lands in our fruit bowls.

In PE we will be learning to play Hockey outdoors on Monday and focussing on raising our fitness levels on Fridays. We look forward to a fantastic year together.

Mr Rabey and Mrs Barnes.

Timetable:

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|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| English | Setting description |
| Maths | Place Value, Addition and Subtraction |
| Science | Separating Mixtures |
| Geography | World Trade |
| RE | What does it mean to be a Muslim? |
| PE | Hockey, Health Related Fitness |
| MFL | Where I live |
| Computing | Computer Systems and Networks |
| DT | Food Technology |
| Music | Livin' on a Prayer |
| PSHE | Physical Health and Well-being |

Reminders:

PE kits

Both Y5 classes will have their PE lesson on Mondays and Fridays– please ensure your child has the correct PE kit.

Uniform

Please ensure that all uniform is labelled clearly as we have no lost property.

Water Bottles

Please ensure all children bring water bottles with them.

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Year 6

We are thrilled to welcome Year 6 back for their final year in the Primary Phase. Over the coming weeks, we will be getting stuck into our exciting topics, as well as recapping on some of last year's learning.

In Reading, we will begin our learning journey by immersing the children in a text ('Skellig' by David Almond). This will support their writing of a spooky, suspense narrative. Taking inspiration from another high-quality text, 'Room 13', Year 6 will also be developing their writing skills, enabling them to write an engaging narrative.

During our Maths lessons this half-term, Year 6 are currently consolidating and securing their place value knowledge of reading and writing numbers up to ten million. Furthermore, the children will be learning how to order and compare numbers, rounding numbers to 10, 100 and 1000, and develop a range of strategies for using all four operations.

This half-term in Geography, we will be learning all about why it is so important to improve the environment. Children will explore a variety of case studies from locations all around the world. During Science, Year 6 will be investigating 'Electricity' and in D.T., pupils will start with a food unit where they will make a variety of snacks.

In addition to this, Year 6 will be building up their health-related fitness during P.E. sessions.

Mr Bagshaw and Miss Fishwick



Timetable:

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| English | Suspense Narrative followed by an Interview |
| Maths | Place value and the four operations |
| Science | Electricity |
| Geography | Improving the Environment |
| RE | What can be done to reduce racism and can religion help? |
| PE | Health Related Fitness |
| MFL | Healthy Eating |
| Computing | Computer systems & Networks |
| DT | Savoury Snacks |
| Music | Happy! |
| PSHE | Physical Health and Wellbeing |

Reminders:

P.E kits

Please ensure that your child has the correct P.E. kit on **Mondays and Thursdays**. Students must wear their correct P.E. kit to school on **only** these days. It is an expectation that full school uniform must be worn on the other three days.

Chromebooks

Children must bring their fully-charged Chromebooks **with charger** into school every day. These will be used to enhance your child's learning.

Homework

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Autumn Notices



Parents evening

Parents evening will take place on Monday 6th and 8th October 3.30-6pm. Please look out for further information on this on Arbor.

Uniform Updates and Reminders

All-black trainers

From September, in alignment with our Secondary Phase, we are updating our policy to allow students to wear all-black, flat-soled leather trainers as part of their full school uniform—regardless of whether they have PE on that day.

To ensure consistency and maintain a smart appearance, please note the following requirements for trainers worn with the uniform:

- They must be entirely black, with no other colours, including white.
- They must be made of leather (not fabric).
- They must not feature an air bubble or inflated sole.

Students may also continue to wear plain black school shoes and change into their PE footwear as usual.

Shirts and Ties

Please ensure all pupils in Years 1-6 are wearing a shirt and a tie. This is a change for Year 1 pupils who transition from wearing a white polo t-shirt.

Please Label All Clothing

As children take off their jumpers and PE kits, things can get lost. Please write your child's name and class clearly on all clothing.

Thank you for your help and support. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher or the school office.

Learn With Me – Join Us!

Thank you so much to those who came into school for the ‘Milestone Meetings’ in Summer 2. We hope you found it valuable to learn about the key areas in your child’s learning. There is still one more chance to visit your child’s classroom this half term!

Learn With Me (Autumn 1)

- Come into school and join your child’s maths lesson.
- See how they learn and take part in the classroom.

Dates:

Autumn 1:

Learn With Me: Reading
8.45am in the hall

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|------------------|----------------------------|
| Nursery | 16 th October |
| Reception | 16 th October |
| Year 1 | 18 th September |
| Year 2 | 18 th September |
| Year 3 | 2 nd October |
| Year 4 | 2 nd October |
| Year 5 | 25 th September |
| Year 6 | 25 th September |

We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please ask your child’s teacher.