



# Hurst Hill Primary School





# WELCOME TO LOWER SCHOOL PHASE

This presentation aims to provide an insight to life in Lower School at Hurst Hill Primary School. Should you have any further questions, we will be happy to discuss these.

The school website <http://www.hursthillprimaryschool.com/> is kept up to date with the latest news and events and has lots more information about our school.

# LOWER SCHOOL STRUCTURE AT HURST HILL

Executive Headteacher: Mrs S Green

Headteacher: Mrs C Johnson

Deputy Head of School and SENCO: Mrs R Weaver

Lower School Phase Lead and Year 2 teacher: Mrs N Coleman

Upper School Phase Lead: Mr J Brazier

Year 1 teacher: Miss M Davies

Year 3 teacher: Miss H Parkes

# Transition from Reception to Year 1

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. There shall be a gradual transition from the Early Learning Goals to the Year 1 curriculum.

The Year 1 classroom has been designed to support your child through this transition period.



## Transition from Year 1 to Year 2

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from Year 1 to Year 2 . The Year 2 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Year 1.

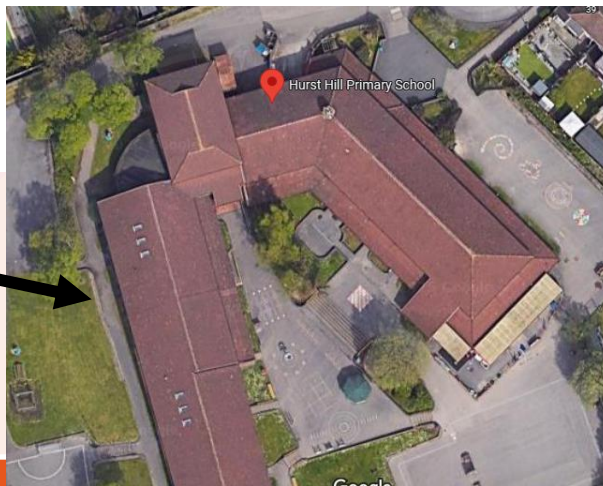
This transition continues from Year 2 to Year 3.



# ON YOUR CHILD'S FIRST DAY IN LOWER SCHOOL

## On Your Child's First Day In Lower School:

- Children will start back at school on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025
- Children will enter and exit through their classroom door. This is accessible from the main school playground for 1 and 3.
- Year 2, will enter and exit at the door to the rear of the building.



Year 1  
Entrance



Year 3  
Entrance





Year2  
Entrance



# YEAR 1 TOPICS



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Helping Others!



Great Britain and  
other countries

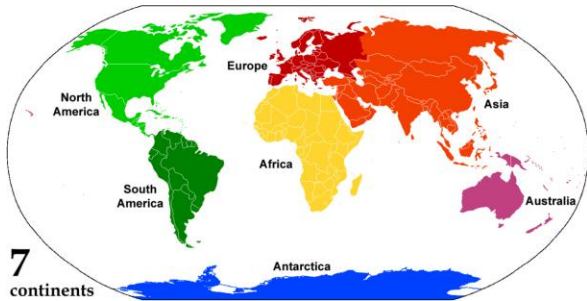


Up, Up and Away!

# YEAR 2 TOPICS



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Continents  
and  
Frozen



Fire! Fire!

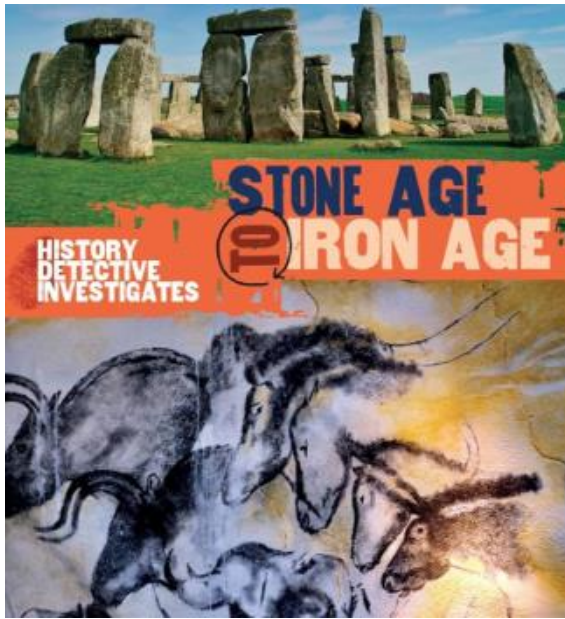


Location, Location,  
Location!  
and  
Wish You Were Here!

# YEAR 3 TOPICS



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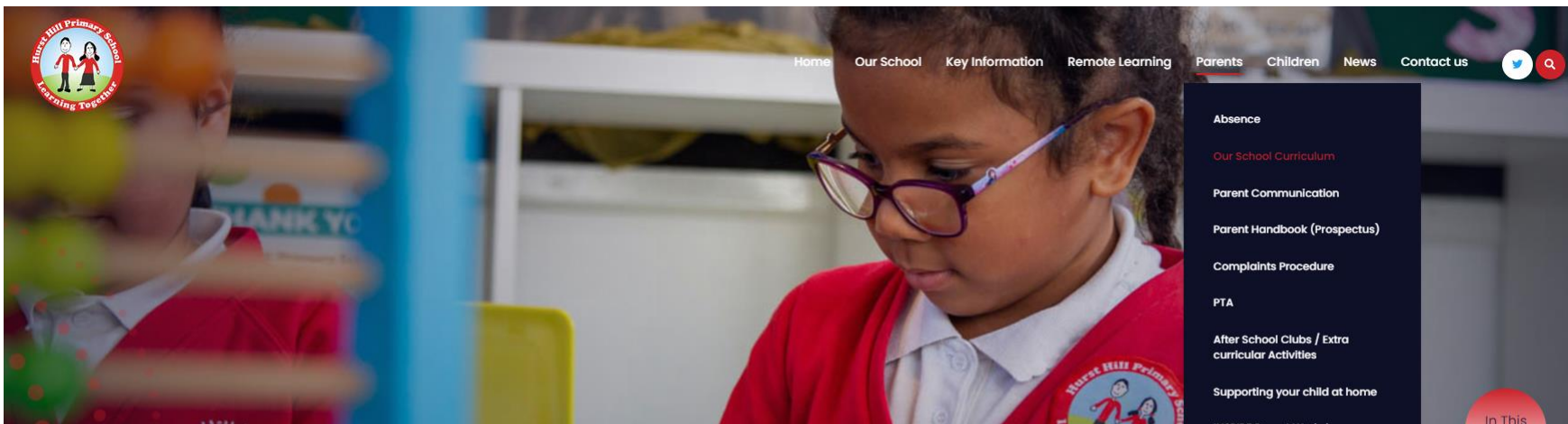


Stone Age to Iron Age  
and  
Mountains



The Ancient Greeks

Local land study  
through time.



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Please log onto our school website to access all knowledge organisers and curriculum maps.

# SCHOOL UNIFORM



## School Uniform List

White shirt, blouse or polo shirt

Grey long trousers, pinafore or skirt (grey shorts can be worn summer term)

School red sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo

Sensible, smart, low, plain black shoes with white or black plain socks (no heels, trainers, open toed shoes, Dr Marten style boots or sandals)

Red gingham dress (summer term)

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows sitting comfortably on the floor. When shorts are worn, they should also be of an appropriate length.

Please ensure that all clothing that your child wears or brings into school is clearly labelled with your child's name.



# SCHOOL UNIFORM

Crested School wear in Dudley are also providers of our uniform along with Sans Kidzwear, Bilston Market.

All school jumpers must have the school logo on. The jumpers can be bought with the logo already on or badges can be purchased from the school office and then ironed on.

# JEWELLERY

For safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are stud earrings in pierced ears. Children are required to remove any items during P.E. lessons to prevent them from causing injury.



School bags are essential for us to encourage pupils to be organised

Your child will need their reading diary and reading book in school every day and will need to bring them home at the end of each day

Children will not need a pencil case as all stationary will be provided for them



# PE – FRIDAY (YEAR 1 AND 2) WEDNESDAY (YEAR 3)

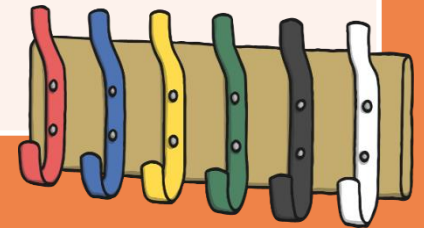


PE kit is to be worn to school on their PE day.

We are doing this because:

- It will raise the profile of PE in school to put more clearly in children's minds the importance of sport in leading active, healthy lives;
- It will maximise time spent on physical activity in PE by cutting out time spent on changing;
- It should eliminate the possibility of clothing being lost while children change;
- It will even out wear and tear on uniforms & PE kits, making normal school uniform last a little longer and getting maximum wear out of PE kit;
- PE kits can be washed more regularly rather than staying in bags until the end of term;
- There will be no need to buy/replace a PE bag

This policy requires that all children have the correct PE Kit for Hurst Hill, so that they look smart during the school day as well as being ready for their sport.



# PE KIT

Top layer: School jumper or red hoody.

Coloured T-shirt linked to their house. Red, yellow, blue, green or white.

Plain black tracksuit bottoms and/or black/navy shorts or black/navy skirts

A pair of black pumps or black trainers

Black, grey or white socks

It remains the case that, for hygiene and safety reasons, long hair should be tied back. No earrings are to be worn on PE day.



# HOMEWORK IN Lower school

Children will receive a decodable reading book, or an AR book when they have progressed through their phonics, to take home.

Please aim to spend 15 minutes each night reading their book. This is vitally important to be able to support them with the process of using their phonics to read words.

Books will be changed at school on a weekly basis.

Children in year 2 and 3 will also have access to Times table Rock Stars (TTRS).

They will also be set an additional piece of homework, this could be English, Maths or Topic on a Friday each week. This needs to be completed and handed in by the following Wednesday please ready for new homework on the Friday

All login details will be given to pupils in the first week of term and recorded in their reading diaries, these will be the same as this year if your child already has access to these.

# READING DIARIES



- Children will continue to receive a reading diary.
- In these diaries we will keep you updated on how your child is reading in school. We will celebrate when they have moved up a level in their phonics books and we will celebrate when they have moved onto the next ZPD when they have progressed to Accelerated Reading books.
- **Please write in the diaries to tell us how your child is getting on with their reading at home each time they have read, children can receive reading rewards in school for having their diaries signed.**
- Please ensure reading diaries are in their book bags every day.



# FOOD AND DRINK

Lunch. All Key Stage 1 children are entitled to a free school meal each day so children will not need to bring a packed lunch from home.

There will be a choice of 3 meals each day, which include the daily special, jacket potato or a grab bag.

**Meal choices need to be booked on ParentMail as we remain cashless. Orders can be placed 2 weeks in advance and up to midnight the night before.**

Snacks: Children will receive free fruit during the day.

Drinks: Water is available throughout the day, including lunchtimes.

Children can also bring a bottle of water to school to drink during lesson time.





# HEALTH

- Staff will be aware of your child's medical background, in particular any allergies, any dietary restrictions (e.g. vegetarian or Halal) and any medical conditions that are important for us to know (e.g. asthma or eczema). Please let us know if these change throughout the year.
- There will be a designated first aider in lower school to support your child with any medical needs.
- If your child is prone to toilet accidents, please send them with a spare pair of underwear.
- Please continue to talk to your child about the importance of washing their hands.





# Attendance


- It is an expectation that children attend school **every day**.
- No holidays are to be taken in term time.
- If your child has a minor cough/cold then please send them to school.
- Children miss vital learning when they are off even for one day. Phonics sounds are taught daily, so one absence/lateness means they are already behind on their learning.
- If your child does fall ill with sickness etc, then please call the school on 01384 818845, option 1 or use the absence reporting on ParentMail to inform them why your child is not going to be at school. If not, our attendance officer will do a home visit to see why your child isn't at school.
- Sickness and diarrhoea - children must stay off school for 48 hours from the last time they were sick/had diarrhoea
- Attendance and punctuality is central to your child making the best progress throughout their KSI journey and also supports them in building good routines.
- Should children arrive to school after the gate has closed, they will need to go to the office and sign their child in.

Further details can be found on our attendance policy on our website.

# Our School Values

Our school values were agreed with the whole school community including parents, administrators, premises staff, teachers, classroom assistants and governors.

They are:

- H= Honest
  - A= Attitude (positive)
  - R= Resilient
  - R= Respectful
  - C= Caring
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# BEHAVIOUR CHARTER

Each classroom has a large scale weather chart. The aim is for the children to reach the stars.

There are lots of rewards for positive behaviour such as stickers and certificates. If a child is moved down to the 'lightning' for severe disruption or incident then parents are contacted and letter/form will need to be signed.

Every day is a new day and the behaviour chart is reset.



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# OUR SCHOOL RULES

We believe that we promote good behaviour by creating a happy, caring school environment where everyone feels valued, respected and secure.

At Hurst Hill, all adults are responsible for the behaviour of all children and not only those that they have been assigned to. Adults and children should always act as good role models, and be advocates of our shared school values of honesty, resilience, respect, positive attitude and caring. Our values and school rules are a permanent feature on display in all classrooms and around the school. Our school rules are: Use kind hands and feet, use kind words and follow instructions. The behaviour rules will be referred to and linked directly to sanctions for behaviour.

We encourage pupils to achieve in a learning environment where self-discipline is promoted and good behaviour is the norm. We believe pupils will achieve their full potential in a happy, stimulating and ordered school environment.



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# SCHOOL TRIPS

- As a school we aim to provide three trips, visits or visitors into school each year.
- Trips will need to be funded by parents. If we do not receive full payment, unfortunately, the trips will not be able to go ahead.

# OVER THE SUMMER

- Read as much as you can!
- Practise some spellings of common words, these will be given out by class teachers.
- Homework will be given to your children at the end of the summer term to complete over the summer.

## General Reminders...

- Any letters or forms will be sent out through ParentMail.
  - The children can bring a water bottle to keep in class which they can access throughout the day. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.
  - Please ensure children have a drink of water in their bottles (no fizzy drinks, energy drinks or squash)
  - Name-label all clothes, especially jumpers and cardigans.
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# TERM DATES



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## Autumn term

- **INSET DAY 1 - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September**
- Term Start for children – Tuesday 02 September (Reception = just new to school pupils. Current Nursery 2 pupils will start Reception on the 3rd September)
- **INSET Day 2 – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October**
- Half Term - Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October
- INSET Day 3 - Friday 07 November – (including EYFS and Nursery)
- Term End - Friday 19 December – school closes at 2pm

# TERM DATES



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## Spring term

- Term Start - Monday 05 January
- Half Term - Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February
- **INSET DAY 4 - Monday 23 February**
- Term restarts for children – Tuesday 24 February
- Term end - Friday 27 March

# TERM DATES



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## Summer term

- Term Start - Monday 13 April
- Half Term - Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May
- **INSET DAY 5 – Friday 26 June**
- Term Ends for children- Friday 17 July – school closes at 2pm
- **INSET Day 6 - Monday 20 July 2026**

# HERE TO HELP

If you need help at any point with a general query you can contact the school office.

If it is a query with your child, your first point of call would be your child's class teacher.

After speaking to the class teacher, you may follow the policy by speaking to the phase leader, Mrs Coleman, Assistant Head of School, Mrs Weaver and finally Head of School, Mrs Johnson if this is necessary.



Any questions?

Thank you