



Welcome



Celebrations from last year

- * SATS results show that we are working above national expectations in Reading, and Writing with more children working at Greater Depth than nationally in all areas.
- * Children performed well in the HASSP Sports Partnership enabling them to perform and compete against other children from surrounding schools in Early Years Multi skills, Athletics, dance, and Cross Country.
- * Wellbeing programme – Yoga sessions each week teaching children about their emotions and mindfulness.
- * Cursive handwriting was introduced much earlier in the school and as a result children's presentation and muscle memory for spelling has improved.
- * Became an active part of the Thame Partnership enabling wider breadth of collaboration opportunities for the pupils and staff in our school e.g. science experience day at Lord Williams School,



School Development Plan 2018/19

- * Embed **Cursive handwriting** across all year groups.
- * Further develop **challenge Maths** opportunities.
- * Develop **phonics** and **spelling** teaching to ensure it is embedded in pupils writing.
- * Further embed **British Values focusing on mutual respect, community and responsibility** through theme for the year of “It’s our world”
- * Develop **SEMH** programme across the school e.g. mindfulness, SEMH, wellbeing interventions, Yoga, PE, Daily Mile
- * Further develop **SPAG** across the school to ensure emerging pupils make substantial and sustained progress.
- * Improve **Maths outcomes for boys.**
- * Engage and **motivate boys in reading** to improve percentage of boys working at Greater Depth.



School Values

We have shared values that we harness in our school; these include:

Kindness Friendship Enjoyment Loyalty Discovery
Adventure Love Creativity Perseverance Thoughtfulness Determination
Resilience Generosity Respect Openness Tolerance Courage
Responsibility Forgiveness Innovation
Independence Interdependence Reliability Compassion
Collaboration Community Growth Challenge Fairness Leadership
Cooperation Trust

Please remember to take a look at our **Values Tree** in the main entrance. The children learn about these values in their daily assemblies.

Our values for this term are: Responsibility, Co-operation, Empathy, respect for the World, Honesty, Independence and Determination

These are our core values that everything comes from:

LOVE GROWTH CREATIVITY DISCOVERY and ADVENTURE



Our Curriculum

- * We use learning vocabulary with our children and encourage them to ‘Grow their brains!’ and to be actively involved in their learning.
- * We also hold enrichment weeks throughout the year where we learn about a theme across the whole school. Our enrichment weeks this year are based on the theme ‘ **It’s OUR World**’
- * We also encourage children to consider roles for their future through visits from professionals on specialist days throughout the year. This year we are actively taking part in the **BIG ME** initiative connected with Action Aid.
- * We use experts and visitors to help us to bring learning alive.
- * We love to get out and about in the local community and further afield.

Topic Webs will be given to you by your class teacher. They are also available on the school website



Sports Premium Funding and Sport provision

We continue to receive funding this year from the Government to improve the quality of PE in our school.

We continue to work closely with the Junior School, St. Mary's School, Cuddington and Dinton School and Great Kimble School in the HASSP Partnership to enable our children to compete and perform against children in the local area.

Laurence Clark who is also connected with FitLife in Haddenham is working alongside our teachers to train them to teach high quality sports at HCIS. These sessions are on Tuesday mornings.

Sports Factor (Mr A) has returned to run extra curricular sporting clubs on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school.

Haddenham Tennis Club still provide tennis coaching sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesday lunchtimes as well as providing the children with opportunities through special choosing on Friday afternoons



Library

All children visit the school library. Please ensure all books are returned in your child's book bag. We restock our library each year to ensure our library is exciting and relevant to our children.

- * Year R- Tuesday
- * Year 1 – Thursday
- * Year 2 – Wednesday



Year 1 and 2 Music

Year R receive Music as part of their curriculum from Mrs Moore. They also have access to instruments within the classroom so that they can experiment and explore instruments and sounds on a daily basis.

Year 1 and 2 children learn Music with Mrs Mander, Miss Stainer and Mrs Crosland. All children in Year 2 will be learning the recorder as part of their music lesson from the Spring term. Year 1 will begin recorders in the Summer Term.

Each child will need a recorder and recorder book which you can purchase through us or independently. An order form will become available at the end of this term.

The recorder book we will be using this year is 'Sing, Clap and Play the Recorder' by Heather Cox and Garth Rickard.

Mr Mitchener also takes peripatetic piano lessons on Mondays with children in Year 1 and Year 2 for parents who would like this for their children. He also runs a very popular Ukulele Club at lunchtime too.



Communication and Parent Forum

Communication happens in many ways here at HCIS.

The newsletter is a source of information as well as the weekly updates and the school website.

Each class has a **whatsapp** group which is a very useful way to check what's going on and communicate amongst yourselves.

Each term we host an active **parent forum** which asks for feedback on many aspects of school life.

Questionnaires are sent periodically to collect views too.



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