

September 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to Northern House Academy for the first term of the brand new academic year! We hope you had a wonderful summer holiday. As we enter the first term of the year, we're excited for all the fantastic learning opportunities ahead.

This term, our English lessons will focus on narrative writing. The children will have the exciting challenge of learning about 'Fractured Fairy Tales' - Fairy Tales from different points of view, fairy tales where characters have been changed or parts of the tale have been altered. We will be primarily focusing on texts by the author Bethan Woolvin. Children will be encouraged to write their versions of fairy tales and make them very much their own.

In Maths, we will be exploring number and place value, number operations and shape, helping the children develop their understanding of these key concepts in a fun and engaging way.

Our Science lessons will focus on forces and magnets. We will be looking at the theory behind how forces and magnets work as well as getting involved in a variety of different scientific experiments to explore these key scientific concepts.

In computing we will be looking at how to code with specific focus making things happen in a sequence as well as creating simple animations and simulations.

In PSHE, we will be focusing on the theme of Me and My Relationships, where children will be looking at positive relationships, how to be assertive, explaining feelings and strategies to combat bullying.

In art the children will be studying and developing their understanding of their class artist Banksy, the elusive street artist. They will be finding out what is known about Banksy, studying some of his famous art work and having a go at creating their own using spray paint techniques.

Banksy will have P.E. on **Thursdays**, with Mr. Heap. Please can you send in a change of clothes for the children on that day for example: t-shirt, trainers and tracksuit bottoms/shorts. The children will also have the opportunity to go sailing on a **Wednesday**. Please ensure that the children bring a change of clothes and clothing suitable to go sailing.

This term, we will be focusing on our school value of **Happiness** and we will continue to encourage all children to express themselves and help them to develop their social skills and emotional regulation and celebrate when aspects of this value is demonstrated in their own behaviour.

If your child brings in a toy or electronic device for the taxi journey, please remind them that they will need to hand it to a member of their class team in the morning, to be locked in the safe during the day. Children will only be getting their device or toy back at the end of the day when it is time to go home.

As partners in your child's education, we value your support and involvement in their learning journey. We encourage open communication and collaboration to ensure that each child receives the support and guidance they need to thrive academically and personally. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions by contacting the school office, **email** [rmoar@northernhouseacademy.co.uk](mailto:rmoar@northernhouseacademy.co.uk). Your communication with us is invaluable, and we are here to support you every step of the way.

Enclosed is a copy of our weekly timetable for the term.

All the best,

**Banksy Class Team**  
**(Rob Moar, Erin Clare and Kelly Lin)**