



1st September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

This term promises a wide range of engaging and imaginative learning experiences. Our overarching theme is one of *Belonging*—to our school, our friendships, and the wider world around us. We'll be exploring this through rich storytelling, art, geography, and personal development.

In **English**, we'll immerse ourselves in beautifully illustrated picture books including *The Bear and the Piano* by David Litchfield, *Belonging* by Jeannie Baker, and *Here We Are* by Oliver Jeffers. These stories will inspire descriptive writing as children explore people, places, and emotions, building their vocabulary and confidence in expressing their thoughts through words.

In **Maths**, we'll be focusing on number and place value, shape, and length. Through hands-on activities and problem-solving challenges, students will strengthen their understanding of key concepts and develop their ability to apply these in real-life contexts.

Our **Science** learning will take us into the fascinating world of everyday materials. Through investigations like "Sink or Float?" and "Is it Magnetic?", students will observe, test, and classify materials based on their properties. These practical experiences will help them develop their scientific thinking and curiosity about the world around them.

In **PSHE**, our focus will be on *Me and My Relationships*. From exploring friendship and emotions to understanding bullying and belonging, students will be supported in building empathy, kindness, and resilience. These lessons help lay the foundation for a safe, respectful, and inclusive classroom community.

Geography will take us on a journey closer to home as we become school explorers! We'll be creating maps, exploring the features of our school environment, and learning how geographers observe, record, and reflect on the spaces around them.

In **Art**, our theme "*Beasties Big and Small*" will bring wild imagination to life. Drawing inspiration from artists like Eric Carle and Maurice Sendak, students will create textured collages, 3D models, and even a class exhibition titled "*Our Beastie World*." It's a celebration of creativity, storytelling, and collaboration.

In **Computing**, we'll begin our discovery coding journey with projects like "Catch the Fish" and "Magic Castle," developing basic coding and logic skills through fun, engaging activities.

We will continue to read daily with the children and any reading that you can do at home is much appreciated. It doesn't have to be your child reading to you. Sharing a picture book with your child can be enjoyable and benefit their reading.

Sendak class will have PE on a Tuesday and will be supported by Mr Heap, Miss Jones and Miss Denison from 11am. On a Tuesday, please send your child in wearing tracksuit or shorts and their school jumper so that they are ready for PE.

Please do talk to your children about their learning in class and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries at shill@northernhouseacademy.co.uk.

Best wishes,

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