



Welcome to Year 1

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Year One

Autumn Term Newsletter 2026

Welcome to Year 1 - we hope you have had a lovely summer break! This curriculum newsletter will keep you informed about what your child is learning this term, in order for you to support them with their learning at home.

English

During our English lessons, the children will have the opportunity to experience both fiction and non-fiction texts. In the autumn term the children will be focusing on composing a sentence orally before writing it.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff

Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm

Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt

Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

They will have daily opportunities for writing and practicing their letter formation and orientation.

Our grammar focus will include using their finger spaces as well as a capital letter and a full stop. We will be learning about different types of words which we can use in our writing including adjectives and nouns.



We will continue to work on developing our speaking and listening skills through partner talk and role play activities

In History we will be learning about Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. We will discover their achievements and compare their journeys.

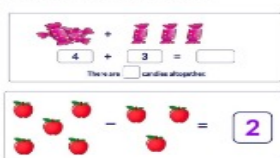


Mathematics

In ~~Maths~~ we will be counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s and 10s. We will be practising our number formation and orientation and ordering numbers correctly.

2 4 6 8 10
5 10 15 20 25
10 20 30 40 50

We will be working with 2D and 3D shapes. The children will have plenty of opportunities to ~~practise~~ their addition and subtraction using concrete apparatus and recording their calculations too.



Home Reading



The children will bring home a reading book that is suited to their ability. **It is the expectation that children read at home every day**

and that their reading record book is signed. Reading books should be brought into school every day as we like to listen to children read on a 1:1 basis. Reading books will be changed every Monday. Books will not be changed until the previous book is finished.

Reading



In Year 1 we have a phonics session every day. The children

will ~~practise~~ blending for reading as well as segmenting to help them with spelling.

The children will also be learning the **names** of all alphabet letters as well as the sounds.

In addition, children will be practising reading the Year 1 Common Exception Words which are words frequently used in writing.

R.E

Our big question in RE Autumn term 1 is 'What is it like to live like

a Jewish person?'. We will learn what the Torah is and how it is used by the Jewish people, as well as learning the meaning of Shabbat and what happens during Shabbat including the meal.



In Geography We will also be learning about the weather and what the symbols mean. We will discover how the weather has an impact on our world. This unit coincides with our Seasons learning in Science.

Art/D&T

In our D&T lessons we will be teaching children the topics Rain and Sunrises and Moon Zoom. Rain and Sunrises will allow the children to express art within the weather theme and find out more about the wonders of shadows and water. The topic Moon Zoom will coincide well with our learning about Neil Armstrong and the children will learn all about the wonders of space and will be designing and building their own moon buggy!

Home time

Please inform the school office of any changes to picking-up arrangements, as children will not be dismissed unless staff are aware of who is collecting them. This really does avoid confusion at home time.

Spellings

Spellings which will be covered in **class** this term are:

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the	they	one
is	be	was
do	he	had
for	me	found
today	also	about
of	are	all
and	not	each
any	go	good
are	at	but
were	by	about
was	my	our
is	there	
his	there	
has	where	
I	down	
you	come	
your	come	

diagrams. Spellings will be sent home every Friday starting from week 2.

Science

Our Science topics this term are **Our Senses & Human Body and Seasons.**



The children will learn about seasons, seasonal weather and events that happen during the seasons ~~is~~ day and night, hours in a day and UK seasonal changes. Our 2nd unit will be 'In Using Our Senses' we will learn all about the human body, parts of the body, being mammals and why. We'll find



out about our 5 senses and how they help us explore the world around us.

In Autumn 2, we will be studying The Nativity Story. We will find out why saints are important to Christians and about the role of each person in the Nativity Story.

Our PE days for this term



are Monday (outdoor) & Thursday (indoor).

This term children will be learning about travelling in different directions and making different shapes during our Gymnastics lessons.

It is important that P.E kits are in school every day and that **ALL items are clearly labelled**. Please also ensure that your child has suitable clothing for indoor and outdoor weather.

Special Events

We have booked our visit this term linked to 'Explorers' and the children will be visiting 'Greenwich Museum' on Wednesday 21st October 2024 to take part in 'ZOOM TO THE MOON' Workshop'.

In this interactive multi-sensory workshop, children will:

- Learn about the needs of humans (and teddy bears) in space
- Explore the surface of the Moon using the senses
- Discover what a space mission is really all about



We would also like to add that children should still be bringing in a bottle of water which should be taken home and replenished every day. In KS1 children are provided with a piece of fruit as a snack which they can eat in class, as well as toast every morning!

Homework :

- Children are expected to read at home every day
- Reading records should be signed every time you read & brought into school every day
- Phonics homework will be sent home every day
- Handwriting/Spelling homework will be sent home every Friday
- Humanities homework sent home every half term to be completed over the half term. These are creative ideas for family to do together.

Reminders :

- Water bottles are needed in school every day
 - Read at home every day
- Reading records signed & brought into school everyday
 - Reading books are changed every Monday
 - PE is on Monday and Thursday
- Let the school office know if there are any changes to pick up arrangements
- **All items of clothing/school uniform must be labelled with your child' name** inc. PE clothes



Thank You!