



Year One Newsletter

Spring 2026

Happy New Year! We have had an amazing autumn term in year one. The children are working so hard and becoming independent learners. We have got lots of exciting things planned this term. If there is anything that you are unsure of please ask, we are always happy to help! The best way to contact me is to write a message in your child's diary or see me at the end of the school day.

English/Phonics



As we continue to follow Read, Write, Inc (RWI) the children will be learning lots more sounds and become more fluent readers. We will also be learning some alien (fake) words as these help us to use of phonics skills to read words. The children have also made a great start to their writing and are leaning all about how improve our sentences and continuing to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Some of the stories we will look at are 'The way back home' and 'Tell me a dragon'.

Maths



In Maths, we will be going back to look at place value numbers to 50. We will explore how many tens and how many ones are in each number and solve addition and subtraction questions within 20. We will also look at lengths and heights and how we can measure them. We will continue to read and write numbers as words and refer back to maths work we have learnt from last term to ensure this remains in our memory.

Our Learning

Science- In science we will be starting a new topic about animals including humans. We will look at different body parts and our senses. We will look at different animal groups and how to can group them.

Geography- In geography we will be learning about the weather is like in the UK and how it changes. Also about how the different types of weather influence our lives.

History - In History we will be learning about the history of toys and how toys have changed over the years.

Art - In art we will be looking sculpture and how we can create a 3D picture using paper.

Design and Technology - In DT we will be working with textiles and how we can join materials together to make a puppet.

Computing- The children will be learning about programming and how we can create media using digital imagery.

RE- In our new topic Galilee to Jerusalem the children will be looking at different stories from Jesus' life and the people he met. We will look at how in is adult life Jesus started his mission.

PE- We will work with Rees sports doing various games to build on our PE skills. We will also learn about spatial awareness and different ways we can move our bodies.

How can I help my child at home?

You can help your child at home by:

- Continue to add and subtract numbers within 20. Continue to look at 1 more and 1 less than numbers within 20. Numbers greater than and less than within 20.
- Listening to your child read at home and discussing the story together. The questions at the back of the book will help with this. Children should read at home every night and we expect their diary to be signed every night.
- Learning to read and spell common exception words (spellings) and words containing sounds that the children have learnt is to be completed on their homework sheet and practised daily ready for a spelling test each week.

Notices

PE

PE will now be on Mondays and Tuesdays. Children should come to school dressed in their active wear.

Snack

Snack is £6 this term please send money in as soon as possible.

If there is anything that you are unsure of please write a message in your child's diary or class dojo. We look forward to a fantastic term.

If you haven't already done so, please connect to Class Dojo (see your child's diary for instructions).

Homework

RWI book bag book to be read at home daily and a RWI story book to practise reading the story they are learning in their RWI sessions in school. Links for RWI sounds will be on the dojo class page or QR codes for the children to continue to learn sounds at home.

On Thursdays the children will come home with a plastic wallet containing some homework tasks to be completed throughout the week and returned the following Thursday. In the wallet there will be some words to learn how to spell, a maths sheet which follows some learning we have done in school.

There will also be links on the class dojo page to go over handwriting videos for the children to practice handwriting at home.