

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 1 2026

Welcome to an exciting first term in Year One!

Read on to see what we will be learning about!

ENGLISH	In English, we start off with book week, looking at the book 'The day the crayons quit.' We will focus on writing simple sentences using capital letters and full stops. We will then read and write our own stories that take inspiration from the book Harry and the Dinosaurs. We will also read and write our own poems about Autumn and our senses.
MATHS	In Maths, we have a strong focus on reading, writing and ordering numbers. We will also be working on number and place value as well as addition and subtraction. Our maths target this half term will be number bonds to 10. This will be sent out on a sheet for the children to practise at home regularly.
SCIENCE	In Science this half term, we focus on our senses. We learn about how we use our senses to explore the world around us. We also find out about our body parts and human growth.
GEOGRAPHY	In Geography, we will be using simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the human and physical features of our school grounds. We will be thinking carefully about the geographical vocabulary that we use. We will also be naming the 4 countries of the United Kingdom and identifying these on a map.
ART	In Art, we learn to draw portraits using different media such as crayons, pastels and pencils. We will also be looking at the work of the artists Paul Klee and Pablo Picasso.
COMPUTING	In Computing, we learn about what computers are and what they do. We will create a digital storybook about ourselves using the iPad app "Our Story."
PSHE	In PSHE, we will be thinking about ourselves, what makes us different, what makes us similar and what makes us unique. We will read the book 'The Colour Monster' and discuss our feelings.
RE	In RE, we will be thinking about the questions "What are world views and how do we find out about them?" and "What do Christians believe about God and why?"

PLEASE REMEMBER...

BOOK BAGS AND READING BOOKS: Please can you make sure your child has a book bag to keep their reading book in. This needs to come to and from school every day and the children will be changing their reading books once a week on a Tuesday. ***Please ensure your child reads every day and that you sign the reading record daily.*** Your support is essential in helping your child build up reading miles and to make maximum progress.

WATER BOTTLES AND FRUIT SNACKS: Please send children in with a bottle of water that is clearly labelled with their name to keep in the classroom. Your child will also need one snack each day to eat at break time. This can be either fruit, vegetables, cheese or yoghurt.

PE: We will be doing inside and outside PE (weather permitting of course!) this half term. ***Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on our PE days - Monday and Thursday.*** Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school PE kit.

HOMEWORK:

Maths homework - set on a Friday and due in by Wednesday of the following week. We will send home a paper copy. The paper copy will be brought back into school.

Numbots - this is a weekly expectation. Children need to complete at least 5 minutes each week. Log in information will be stuck into the back of your child's reading diary. If your child does not complete five minutes of numbots, they will need to stay inside during break time for the numbots club.

Maths Target - there is a new target each half term. The children will have a target test each Monday. The specific target test will be sent out separately.

Reading - please read with your child every day and sign their reading diary. Reading books and diaries should be returned to school every day. Books will be changed once a week when your child has read their book at least 3 times.

Spellings - set on a Monday and tested on Monday the following week. Please help your child to learn their spellings.

Please be aware that if homework is not submitted on time, your child will be expected to complete it during break time.

Any questions at all about anything, please feel free to ask one of the team. We look forward to a fun first half term in year one!

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 1 Team

Mrs Skeens, Miss Francis, Miss Pledger and Mrs Arthur.