

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2 2026

Welcome to an exciting second half-term in Year One!

Read on to see what we will be learning about!

ENGLISH	In English, we will be looking at fairytales and in particular the story of Pinocchio. We will recap our knowledge of nouns and adjectives. We will also do some non-fiction writing based around old toys and new toys to link with our history topic.
MATHS	In Maths, we continue our work in addition, before moving onto subtraction. We will work out how to subtract by counting backwards. We will also learn about shape.
SCIENCE	In Science, we look at different materials and their properties. We compare the properties of materials using scientific vocabulary. We also start looking at the four seasons and how the weather changes.
HISTORY	In History, we will be looking at old toys and exploring how toys have changed over time. We will create a timeline of toys and discuss the similarities and differences between old and new toys. If any Parents or Grandparents have any old toys they used to play with that they would like to share that would be great. If you don't want to send the toys into school, photos of them would be very welcome.
COMPUTING	In Computing, the children will code using programmable toys such as BeeBots. They will use directional language to support their programming, as well as their learning in Maths.
DT	In DT, we create our own finger puppets. We use needles and thread to create a running stitch which will join the two parts of our puppet together. We will experiment with other materials to create the rest of the puppet. IF THERE ARE ANY PARENTS WHO COULD COME IN AND HELP THE CHILDREN WITH SEWING, THIS WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED (This will be on Thursday 19th November in the afternoon. Please let us know if you would like to come in and help. Thank you.)
MUSIC	In music this half term, we will follow the unit 'Rhythm and Pulse'. The children will learn a whole series of activities and singing games to help them learn to keep a steady pulse and develop rhythm skills. We will also be learning the songs for our Christmas play.
RE	In RE, we will discuss how Christians remember Jesus at Christmas time and what role the Church plays in this. The children will be able to identify how and why Christians celebrate Christmas.
PSHE	In PSHE, we look at the unit 'Be friendly, be wise.' We will focus on friendship and what it means to be a good friend.

PE: We will be doing inside and outside PE (weather permitting of course!) this half term, so please ensure that your child wears the correct PE kit to school on PE days - Monday and Thursday.

HOMEWORK: The children will continue to have weekly spellings sent out on a Monday. The maths target tests will also carry on as normal every Monday. The children will be receiving a new maths target this half term - addition and subtraction facts for each

number to 6. Please also remember that playing five minutes of Numbots each week is a homework requirement and should be completed every week. The children should also be reading their reading book at least five times at home - please ensure you are writing in your child's reading record daily. Unfortunately, if homework requirements are not met, children will need to attend book club, or numbots club during their break time.

YEAR 1 DIARY DATES:

Friday 13th November - Children in Need morning

Wednesday 2nd December - Year One Christmas Production at 2pm

Thursday 3rd December - Year One Christmas Production at 6pm

Friday 18th December - School closes at 1pm for Christmas

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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