

Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn 1

Welcome

Welcome to Year 1! We hope that you all had a wonderful summer and are excited to be starting in Year 1. We have got lots of exciting things planned for this year.

Phonics and Reading

Phonics

Following the Little Wandle Phonics scheme the children will be start on phase 3,4 and 5 sounds learning new digraphs, trigraphs and tricky words. The children will also be continuing to segment and blend and read words.

Recommended reads for year 1: [Best Books for Year 1: Recommended Booklist for Ages 5-6 \(booksfortopics.com\)](http://booksfortopics.com)



Writing

This term we will be focusing on developing sentence writing to build on the children's skills from Reception. We will be using some stories and videos as inspiration including What the Ladybird Heard by Julia Donaldson and Stanley's Stick by John Hegley. We will be looking at understanding stories and using adjectives in our writing.



Maths

This term's units will include place value within 10 and addition and subtraction within 10. We will be sorting, grouping, and classifying objects and using the language of equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least.



Science

The children are learning about seasonal changes in science. We are learning different weather types, and which are typical for each season. We will be learning the months of the year and which months are in which season.



Computing

In computing this term, the children will be learning to log onto the laptops and exploring some of the tools and functions of Purple Mash.



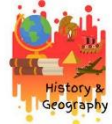
DT

This term in DT we will be creating paper windmills to learn about construction. We will be designing our structures, assembling and evaluating them. We are planning to have a DT Day towards the end of the term.



Geography

In geography we will start by creating maps of the classroom and the playground. We will look at how to use a key and a simple compass on a map and have a go at adding our own onto our maps.



Music

In music this term we will be exploring keeping the pulse together through music and movement.



PE

PE days this term will be Wednesday and Thursday. We will be focused on fundamental movement skills and team building games.



Children should come to school in their school PE kit on these days - black joggers/leggings and black sweatshirt or school jumper.

PSHE

In PSHE this term the children will be reminded about the Zones of Regulation which is an approach that helps children to manage difficult emotions. They will learn to recognise different emotions. It helps children to recognise strong feelings and gives them strategies to cope with these feelings so they can get back to feeling calm and ready to learn.



RE

Our topic in RE is 'People in Christianity'. We will discuss what it means to be inspiring and who the children find inspiring in their lives. We will then explore who Jesus is and discuss the question 'What did Jesus do that inspired people?'.



Enrichment

This term we will be walking around the local area as part of our geography learning. We will be thoroughly exploring the school grounds too. We are hoping to have a visit from a person connected to the church to talk to the children about important people to Christians to support RE.



Homework Project

We will be sending home a phonics practice sheet of the phase 2 and 3 phonemes that the children have already learned in Reception. We would like them to read and write the sounds. Once the children are able to read and write the digraphs (2 letters that make one sound) then they can show us in school to earn a dojo point.





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We will also be sending the children home with a reading book as in Reception and reading these in school. We need to assess the children after the holidays to determine the best reading book for them and we will make sure all the children have their first reading book by Friday 13th September.



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude.



Class information

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Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary!



CPC Key Dates 2024-2025

Autumn 1

Monday 2nd September – Training Day

Tuesday 3rd September – Training Day

W/B Monday 9th September- Reception children start- am and lunch only

W/B Monday 16th September- Reception children start full time

Friday 20th September – Wear Red for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Day

Wednesday 25th September – Reception Parents’ Phonics Session – timings tbc

W/B 30th September – Parents’ Open Sessions (Reading) – days and timings tbc

Thursday 10th October – School Photos (individual & siblings)

Tuesday 15th October – Parents’ Evening – 3.30pm - 6pm

Wednesday 16th October – Parents’ Evening - 3.30pm - 6pm

Thursday 17th October - Harvest Festival

Friday 25th October school closes to pupils for Half Term

