Year 1 Termly Newsletter - Autumn Term 2026

We were delighted to welcome the Year 1 children back to school. Pupils have settled into their new classes and school routines really well. Already, your children have started working on understanding numbers to 10 and learning new sounds in phonics.

We will be sending a newsletter home each term, just to share with parents details of the learning that will happen and to tell you any key dates that we think you may need to know.
We will also give some ideas and suggestions of ways that you can support learning at home.

Year 1 Autumn Term Curriculum		How you can support learning at home
Reading	Rhymes, poems and phonics stories	Read Write Inc reading books for 5-10 mins each day. Children can change their library book once a week, on a Monday and will change their phonics book each time they learn a new story. Practise sounds on the sound mat in their homework folder.
Writing	Drawing Club and handwriting	Complete weekly handwriting practise with children. Practice forming letters correctly.
Maths	Place Value up to 10, addition and subtraction and shape	Complete weekly Maths homework. Practice writing numbers to 10 and counting forwards and backwards.
History	Queen Elizabeth II: What was her life like?	Discuss the royal family. Who is the King now? Who was Queen Elizabeth II to him?
Science	Materials	Discuss with your child about different materials in your home. What are different objects made from?
Art	Drawing – make your mark.	Practice colouring in the lines neatly.
R.E	New life – how is a new child welcomed?	Discuss different ways we welcome a new child.
D&T	Constructing windmills	Discuss with your child the weather conditions e.g the windy weather.
Music	Learning to play keyboards and percussion instruments with 3 notes.	Listen to different pieces of music and encourage children to share what they enjoy.

Online Learning – these sites are used at school or could be used at home to practise skills learnt this term

Phonics play – free resources available on the website
BBC iPlayer – Watch episodes of Alphablocks and Numberblocks and Julia Donaldson stories
Numbots - username and password will be in homework wallets when available.
Oxford Owl – Logins will be in homework wallets. Read and complete Phonics quizzes.
Dojo – class teachers will post phonics videos and links to videos that support learning. You can also record home reading on dojo too.

Important Dates for your Diary:

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th October.
School photographer in school taking individual and sibling photos.

Wednesday 14th October
Flu vaccinations

Tuesday 20th October.
Head teacher's special Key Stage 1 assembly – selected parents will be invited to attend nearer the time

Thurs 22nd October
Halloween disco

Mon 26th October – Fri 30th October
Half Term holiday

Wednesday 11th November
Year 1 Parent's Evening

Friday 13th November
BBC children in need

Monday 16th November
Odd socks day

Thursday 10th December
Christmas jumper day

Weds 16th December
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Friday 18th December
Teacher Training Day

Reminders:
Year One P.E is on Thursday. Please make sure pupils are wearing the correct P.E uniform on these days.
Also, check that jumpers/cardigans, water bottles and lunchboxes are named so that we can return lost items to their owners!

