

Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 2025



Welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable summer. We are looking forward to the autumn term ahead and having the children back to school. This is how the curriculum looks for this term.

English

We will be exploring a variety of writing styles this term including character descriptions, narratives, letter writing and instructions. We will be focusing on Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig and How to be a Lion. The key aims for this term are to ensure children can use capital letters, full stops and space their writing successfully on a page.



Science

Living Things

In Year 1 we will be learning about our different body parts and what these body parts are used for. The children should be able to identify and label parts of the body. We will also be looking at our five senses. Children will be learning all about how our senses help us in everyday life.

Seasonal changes

After half term, we will move onto 'Seasonal Changes'. During this unit we will be looking at the four seasons and how we can identify the different seasons based on the weather and changes in plants such as trees. We will also observe how day length varies depending on the season.



In **R.E.** this term, we will look being thankful and belongingness.

In **Computing**, we will have an introduction to Purple Mash and will be using iPads to create and follow instructions.



This term in **P.S.H.E.**, we will explore Being Me in My Own World and Celebrating Difference.

Maths



- We will be introducing the concept of Place Value.
- Children will be focusing their attention on addition and subtraction at the start of the new term.
- We will then introduce the topic of shape and doubling/ halving.
- After half-term we will cover the topics of fractions, measurement, simple multiplication, money and time.



Topic

Toys Past and Present

Our topic for the first half term has a history focus. We will look at toys within and beyond living memory, and discuss why they have changed over time.

Seas and Coasts

After half term, we will focus on geography. We will use maps to locate and identify oceans, continents and British beaches and seas. We will also use compass points to move around a map.



P.E.

P.E. will take place on Tuesday and Friday for 1R and on Tuesday and Thursday for 1B. This term we will develop skills such as hand-eye coordination, throwing and catching in Football and Handball.



Homework and Spellings

- One piece of homework will be handed out each **Friday**, to be returned no later than the following **Wednesday**. Homework will alternate between English and Maths, although a piece of Science or Topic may occasionally be sent out instead.
- The children will also be using Spelling Shed to learn their weekly spellings and logs will be in Reading Diaries.
- Each child should be reading frequently at home and children will have the opportunity to change their reading book each week, although they should establish a deep understanding of the text before changing books. Book levels will be based on Phonics groups.
- Children will be read with regularly in school so it would be helpful if they had their reading record with them in school **every day**.
- Children will be able to change their library book once a week. This will be on **Monday for both 1B and 1R**.