



Year 1

Information for children
and parents.



Autumn Term 1

2025-2026

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I hope you all had a lovely summer break. I am really looking forward to getting to know your children; we have lots of fun and exciting activities to get through this term. The will be very busy!

What are we going to be learning about this half term?

English – All children will continue to follow the Read Write Inc. scheme, this will be delivered daily for 30 minutes. The children will also have a 50-minute Writing lesson. We will be reading the text 'Old Bear' and the children will produce a letter and retell a story.

Maths – In Maths, the children will be developing their number and place value skills this half term, working on reading and writing numbers, ordering numbers, counting from any given number, forwards and backwards and counting up to 10.

Science – In Science we will be learning about our bodies. They will be Identifying and naming body parts and conducting practical activities with the senses to spot patterns and answer questions.

We will also be learning about Every day Materials. Identifying and naming objects and the materials from which they are made. The children will compare and group materials to their properties.

History – In History the children will be looking at their personal chronology and finding out about the past within living memory. They will be examining photographs and asking question about the past and looking back at personal memories to place on a timeline.

Geography – In Geography we will be locating the countries of the UK on a map, recognising features within the school ground and using directional language

Art/DT – In art, the children will be learning about the artist Clarice Cliff as well as investigating paper play to make 3D structures. In DT we will be thinking about how we can have a balanced diet and using that knowledge to make a tasty wrap!

Computing – The children will be developing their mouse skills and learning about algorithms.

RE – This half term, the children will be exploring the question, 'Who is Christian and what do they believe?'

PE – The children have an indoor Gymnastics or Dance lesson on a **THURSDAY** afternoon. We will provide the children with PE kits, although children will need to bring a pair of trainers into school. However, if you would like children to have their own kit, shorts and t-shirt, tracksuit trousers and a sweatshirt may be worn. As we are in the winter months, please ensure your child has warm clothing suitable for outdoor conditions. All clothes need to be named and kept in a named PE bag. Children must have their games kit every week; it is a requirement of the National Curriculum that they have a games lesson and it is important for their own health and development that they participate in sporting activities. We will also be doing Games on a **WEDNESDAY** afternoon this half term. The children will need trainers for this session as it will be outdoors.



Home/School Communication

If you need to contact me directly, please message me on Class Dojo's where I can see and respond to your messages on the same day when possible. If you need to tell me any information about your child for that particular day please do not hesitate to just pop it onto a message.

Reading books, Homework and Spellings

Each child will have a reading book to take home weekly. This will be matched to the RWI level they are currently grouped for. Each child will read with an adult at least once per week. I will communicate the children's reading via reading record. When your child reads at home, please could you write what book and page numbers they read as well as any comments you would like to share into in their yellow reading record book. The children will also bring home the same book they are reading for English as a paper book bag book. These will be changed when the children move onto the next story in their RWI groups.

It is really important to spend time listening to your child **read** and talk about what they are reading. Your child will read to an adult once a week. This is when their book will be changed so it is really important they bring their reading books in daily so their progress can be monitored regularly.

Reading books will be changed on a **MONDAY**.

Library books need to be returned every **FRIDAY**.

The children will be given **spellings** on a two weekly cycle each Monday to learn at home. It will benefit your child to practice their spellings and listen to them read on a daily basis. Children receive five dojo points if they have practised their spelling in their spelling book. There will NOT be a weekly test. We will do progress checks at school every half term.

I will also post Read Write Inc. spelling video's that the children can join in with and complete the spellings using their 'Fred fingers'. The children will receive 10 dojo's for completing this task at home. This is not compulsory!



Please find the children's login to access Numbots maths game at home. This can be accessed on a free app or on the website. The children will be presented with certificates for their accuracy and improvement every week in assembly. This was a huge success last year and has really helped the children in maths!

(This is not compulsory but great for child's mathematic minds and really support them to achieve the Year 1 expected standard)

Snack -The children may bring in a HEALTHY snack for playtime if they wish (fruit, cheese, yoghurt, and healthy breakfast bars for example). Although we do provide fruit daily.

I hope this will be helpful to you and your child. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me via Dojo.

Many thanks,

Mrs. S Woodworth (Class Teacher)