



Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 1

Welcome to the Autumn Term!

We hope that you have all had a lovely summer and are coming back to school relaxed, refreshed and ready for the fun packed term that we have ahead of us. We are really looking forward to working with your children this year in Year 1 and very much hope that they are too. The transition from Reception to Year 1 brings lots of new routines for our children as we move towards more formalised learning and adapt to new ways of learning. However, please be assured that over the coming weeks and months we will be working hard to ensure that your children become settled and comfortable in their new environment and form positive relationships with staff, which over time will enable them to flourish into confident, independent learners. Please contact us at any time should you have any questions or queries. We're very much looking forward to working with your children this year. Mrs Sharrock and Mrs Gibson

Key Dates

Parent Welcome Meetings— 08/09/25
(15.30 and 16.00)

Beth Tweddle, Olympic gymnast assembly—09/09/25

Tennis taster sessions—11/09/25

Roald Dahl Day (dress up)— 12/09/25

Nasal flu vaccinations—24/09/25

European Day of Languages—26/09/25

Harvest Festival— 24/10/25

Reading

Your child will read at least twice a week in Year 1. One of these will be a teacher led, group Guided Reading session and the other will be 1:1 reading with an adult. Please ensure your child has their books in school every day and try to read at least x4 each week at home. Your child's reading book will link to their learning in phonics and they will also have a tricky word book mark in their planner. Please support them in learning how to read and spell these words.

To encourage reading for pleasure and to promote a love for reading, we will run a class library in Year 1. Our class library consists of 100 recommended reads for Year 1 children. Class library will commence in a few weeks once the children are settled into their new routines and will take place every Friday.

PE Reminders

Our P.E. days for this half term will be **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Your child will require an indoor PE kit which includes a yellow James Brindley tshirt, blue shorts and pumps. Earrings are not to be worn for PE and should be removed. If your child cannot remove their own earrings please take them out before they come to school. Please ensure all items of PE kit and school uniform are clearly labelled with your child's

Keep up to date...

Weekly news and photographs will be shared on School Spider through a Group Conversation. Please look out for a notification of these updates.

ENGLISH

In English we are going to begin the half term by sharing 'What The Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson.

We will draw and label our own story maps then use these as a basis to write our own stories. We will be focusing on accurate letter formation, using our phonic knowledge in our writing and sentence structure.

MATHS

In Maths we will be starting the term focusing on place value which will include us counting, sorting and grouping amounts and using vocabulary such as few, more, less, greater and equal to compare. We will then move on to addition and subtraction and spend time working on our number bonds to 10.

SCIENCE

In Science our topic focuses on 'Seasonal Changes'. We will identify characteristics for each of the seasons and be able to distinguish differences between them. As part of this topic we will carry out a number of investigations including looking at different types of clouds, testing leaves and making snow!

Our Curriculum Overview

COMPUTING

In computing we will be using Purple Mash to create our own animated story books!

HISTORY

In History we will be finding out about some of the world's greatest explorers such as Christopher Columbus, Neil Armstrong, Amy Johnson and Ranulph Fiennes.

ART

In art we will be using our own bodies to make to make drawings and experimenting using water colours.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be finding out how to stay safe online and also why it is important to get a good nights sleep.

Home Learning

English & Maths

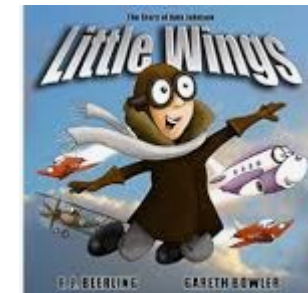
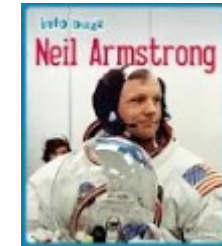
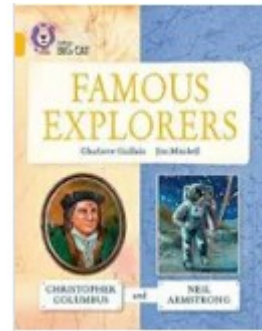
Please practise cursive letter formation and support your child in ensuring that they can spell their first name and surname correctly using capital letters to start. Counting both forwards and backwards to 20, ensuring that they can record all numbers accurately and practising number bonds to 10 would be really useful too.

Phonics/Spelling

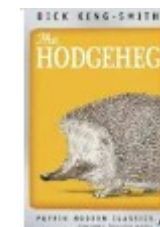
The children will take part in daily phonics sessions. Phonics groups are streamed based on your child's phonic knowledge, their ability to segment and blend and their tricky word recognition. All staff who lead phonics groups have been fully trained in the delivery of our phonics scheme 'Supersonic Phonic Friends'.

The children will receive weekly spellings which link directly to the sounds they have been working on in phonics during the week. Spellings will be given out each Friday. The spelling sheet that the children bring home does not need to be returned to school, it is just for them to practise with you at home. Children will not be formally tested on their spellings, they will be revised through games and activities throughout the following week. Scores are not recorded and shared, all efforts are celebrated and rewarded.

To further support independent reading for pleasure, take a look at the suggestions below that are linked to specific topics and authors we are focusing on this half term:



Our class author in Year 1 is Dick King Smith. Each term we will focus on a text of his that we will share as our class novel. This term our class novel is The Hodgeheg.



Online Resources

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

<http://phonicsplay.co.uk>