



Newsletter

Autumn Term



Welcome to the start of your Y1 adventure!

We can't wait to begin a brand-new school year with our class of superstar Year 1s! Mrs Nicholson and I loved meeting you all during the summer, and we are SO excited to be your teachers this year.

This term is going to be full of fun and exciting learning. Our main priority is to make the transition from Reception to Key Stage 1 as smooth and happy as possible. To support this, we will be using a mixture of continuous provision (where children can play and explore new skills within the classroom) alongside a more structured approach to learning.

We are always here to help – if you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to ask. You'll find either myself or Mrs Nicholson at the Year 1 door every morning.

Below you'll find a preview of what's ahead this term, as well as some key information.

I am a historian: 1960s

*This term, we are **travelling back in time to the 1960s!** We'll be exploring how clothes, toys, and homes have changed since then. The children will think about what made children in the 1960s happy and if that is similar to today.*

As part of this topic, we will:

- Learn about timelines and how to label them.
- Compare toys from the past and present.
- Invite families to share any photographs or memories from the 1960s – we'd love to see them!

In Science, our focus will be on materials:

- Investigating what toys are made from.
- Exploring the physical properties of different materials.
- Grouping materials according to their properties.
- Carrying out an experiment: *Which material is the best for building the Three Little Pigs' house?*

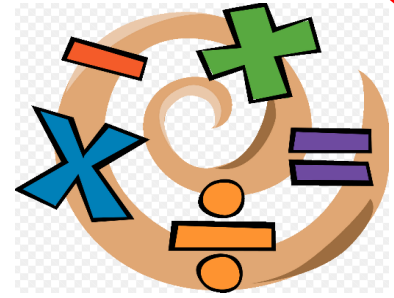


Maths

This term, we are focusing on building strong number skills. We will:

- Learn our numbers to 10, and then to 20.
- Practise reading, representing, and writing numbers in both words and numerals.
- Group and count objects carefully.
- Find one more and one less than a given number.
- Compare and order numbers.

Our special maths target this term is to know and recall number bonds to 5.



Phonics

We follow the Rocket Phonics programme, which helps children learn to read and write through a systematic, structured approach. Lessons take place five times a week and include lots of active, engaging opportunities to practise reading and spelling.

Children will revisit familiar graphemes and then move on to new ones, exploring the different ways sounds can be represented. For example, the /igh/ sound can be written in several ways: igh, ie, i, i-e.



The Tiger Who Came to Tea

English

Our key text this term is the much-loved story *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* by Judith Kerr.

We will be learning how to:

- Use capital letters and full stops to create clear sentences.
- Keep our sentences in our heads as we write them.
- Add amazing adjectives, just like Judith Kerr, to make our writing more exciting.
- Following this, we will take inspiration from Tilly Ramsey to write our own recipe using clear imperative verbs (like *mix*, *stir*, *pour*).



Reading Diaries

Please make sure reading diaries are in school every day. We will change reading books weekly. If the children read 4 times at home, they have the chance to bring a reading bear home.

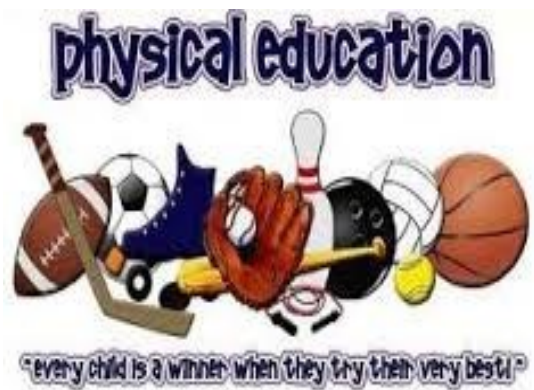


Star of the Week

On Friday, we have a special phone call home to someone who has tried super hard all week with their learning and behaviour.

PE

Our PE days this term are Tuesday and Thursday.
PE kits should be suitable for indoor and outdoor lessons.



Home Time

Please let Miss Mee/Mrs Nicholson know who will be picking the children up at the end of the day, if it is someone different from usual.



During playtime, children can bring a healthy snack from home to eat as their snack. This could be a piece of fruit, a cereal bar, carrot/pepper/cucumber sticks etc. or they can bring money for the tuck shop.

Children should also bring a clearly named water bottle that is a school water bottle (like the one pictured above.) This should just contain water.

Dates For Your Diary

PE:

Every Tuesday and Thursday

Half Term:

Monday, 20 October 2025

to Friday, 31 October 2025



Year 1 Teaching Team

Miss Mee- Teacher

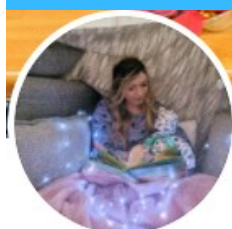
Mrs Nicholson - Teaching Assistant

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