

Year 1 Newsletter

Week Beginning Monday 14th September 2026

WELL DONE

We've had a lovely time settling into Year 1, and it's been fantastic to see how much the children have grown already. They've been showing great resilience in their learning—trying their best, bouncing back when things are tricky, and celebrating their efforts. It's also been wonderful to see their curiosity blossom as they explore new topics and begin to take ownership of their learning. We're so proud of how they're embracing the challenges and opportunities of Year 1!

Key Dates

Tuesday 15th September – World Afro Day (PSHE lesson in school)

Thursday 17th September- Welcome to Year 1 parents' session (9:15am)

Wednesday 23rd and Friday 25th September– Individual school photos

Friday 9th October – Book Look 3:30 pm

Monday 12th October – Harvest

Tuesday 13th October- Parents consultations

Half term Monday 19th October – Children return Monday 2nd November.

Reminders

- Please make sure clothing is named, particularly jumpers and coats.
- Please ensure any snack from home is only fresh fruit or vegetables which are already cut for the children to eat.
- Please support reading with your child - little and often is very important in the early stages of reading. A few pages of a book every day at home is ideal.

Please bring in

As part of our learning about memories, we would love the children to bring in an object that reminds them of a special memory from the past. This could be something they won, a souvenir from a special place they visited, a favourite toy, a medal, photograph, or anything else that holds a special memory for them. The children will have the opportunity to share their object with the class, talk about the memory behind it and explain why it is special to them. We can't wait to hear all about their wonderful memories!

School Council Elections

A letter inviting the children to apply has now been sent home via Arbor. We would like all application letters to be returned to class by **Wednesday 16th September**, and then an election within classes will take place on **Thursday 17th September**.

PE

Children should arrive at school in their PE kit. Our PE kits comprises of a **white PE t-shirt** and **dark green or black jogging bottoms (or shorts)**. They should also wear a **pair of trainers with a good grip**. No football kits or large branded logos please.

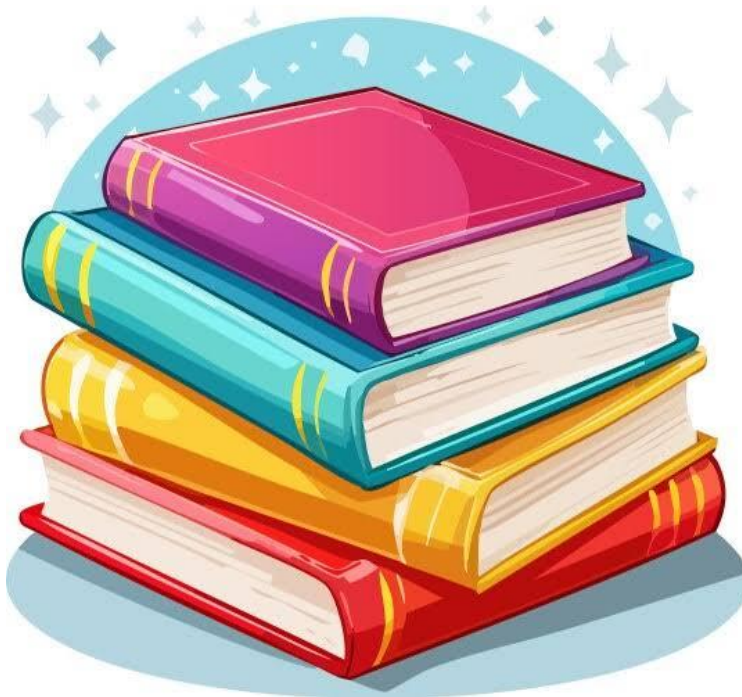
Our PE days are as follows:

Woodpeckers- Tuesday **Squirrels-** Monday **Foxes-** Wednesday

Reading books

Your child should have come home with a school reading book on Friday. Please take the time to read this with your child and make sure you upload a comment onto Boom reader for their teacher to see how they are getting on with reading at home. We are still in the process of assessing the children so these coloured levels may change. Remember to make sure your child returns the books on Friday so that they can have another book to read for the following week!

Library books – these also need to be returned on a Thursday for Squirrel class and a Friday for Fox and Woodpecker.



Homework

Reading:

It is important children get into a good routine, reading regularly both to aid their learning but also to develop a love of reading. The children will also bring home a book each week from the school library for them to read and also for you to read to them.

Bug Club:

Children will be allocated new books on bug club once we have completed initial assessments in class. Please continue to use this if you still have log in details from reception. More details will be sent out once we have this up and running.





Our key learning for this week!

English

In English we will be continuing to read the book Naughty Bus by Jan Oke and Jerry Oke. We will be thinking about what adventures the Naughty bus could get up to next. We will be using technology to take pictures of the Naughty Bus in its new location and developing our caption writing skills.

Maths

We will be continuing our Maths topic of Place Value, the children will continue to develop their knowledge of sorting, counting and representing numbers in different ways.

Science

In Science, we will be continuing our 'Seasonal Change' topic and the children will be identifying changes and activities that fall within the four seasons.

Computing

In computing we will be identifying ways in which to stay safe online.

RE

In RE the children will be exploring the creation story of Genesis,

PSHE

In PSHE we will be practising showing different emotions using our faces and body. We will be learning about who we can talk to about these feelings

Art

We will be learning how to hold and move a paintbrush in different ways to make different types of marks and to use the work of Alma Thomas to inspire us.

PHONICS- Phase 3 and 4

This week, we will be continuing to recap Phase 3 and Phase 4 phonics. Please continue to support your child.

A big thank you from the Year 1 Team!



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