



Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2026/27



We hope that you all had a wonderful summer break!

This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.

Key dates:

Phonics and Reading Workshop Friday 2nd October 9:15 – 9:45

Maths Workshop Thursday 15th October 9:15 – 9:45

Dress Up Day Wednesday 21st (1NS) Thursday 22nd (1FA) October (parents hour 9-10) More info to follow

Year 1 Celebration Mornings 10th and 11th November

The Year 1 Team:	
1NS	Ned, Jamilla
1FA	Fraser, Gina

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History / Geography - Our topic this half term is Our Grandparents

Our Topic this term is 'Our Grandparents' you will be receiving a knowledge organiser detailing what we will be doing during this topic, homework and other ideas to support your child's learning at home.

For our Grandparents topic it would be fantastic if we could have some real-life grandparents come and visit us in class and talk to the children in a q and a session. If your child's grandparent is happy and willing to visit us then please liaise with your child's class teacher to organise a suitable time.

English

We will start this term with the book 'The Colour Monster' and discussing our emotions about our return to school. This book will help us label and deal with our emotions whilst we are at school. We will then move on to 'Here We Are' By Oliver Jeffers. We will be discussing our place in the world and how the world has changed and continues to evolve around us.



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Reading – One of the most effective ways you can support your child with their academic progress and development, is through reading together regularly. Your child will receive a book from school which they should look after, and bring into school each day.

Children should be reading at home each day, preferably with an adult, for at least 10 minutes.

Please sign your child's reading record each day to show they are reading regularly and so they can earn rewards in school. Please note, there is a £5 charge for lost books.



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Maths - In maths we will begin with 'Place Value' through number recognition and representing numbers in different ways with a variety of objects. We use concrete resources to deepen our understanding and ensure we are able to use different counting strategies to find the total amount.



Why not do some baking at home, count how many seconds your child can brush their teeth for, how many jumps they can do in 30 seconds, look at door and bus numbers and other numbers in our everyday environment to further reinforce these skills?

Science - This term we are beginning our science study with weather and seasonal change. We will be investigating different weather types and how these can be recorded. We will look at the months of the year and how the seasons affect the world around us! We will then start to look at our bodies and the five senses.



R.E – This half term we will be learning about what it means to belong. We will be looking at the Hindu celebration of Divali.

P.E – This half term we are learning locomotion skills including running and jumping – we will have two outdoor PE sessions per week

All children **must** wear their PE kit into school on the specified days. PE kit should consist of plain navy (black if necessary) bottoms (leggings, shorts or tracksuit bottoms), a white school t-shirt or gem house t-shirt and trainers. This should be worn with a school jumper or cardigan.

1NS	Wednesday	Thursday
1FA	Monday	Friday

PSHE - This half term, we will be concentrating on feelings and emotions in our PSHE sessions and developing the children's coping strategies when encountering change and building up their resilience.

Music - This half term, and throughout our learning journey in Year 1 we will have weekly music lessons with Niamh from Southwark music services. These will start in week three and each class will get one half an hour slot.



Computing - This half term, we are looking at technology around us. We will be investigating



Technology we see on a daily basis and technology we see in our classroom. Is a pencil technology? Is a seat technology? What other types of technology can you think of?

NATURE GARDEN

Both Year one classes will have the opportunity to attend the Nature Garden on a Wednesday afternoon. If your child has a pair of wellies they would like to bring in, they are more than welcome to leave them on their peg. Please ensure they are in a bag labelled with their name.

REQUESTS

If you have any items that we can use for junk modelling, they would be much appreciated. Please give any donations to a classroom adult on arrival in the morning.

Parent Helpers: If you are able to volunteer for a couple of hours in the afternoon then please speak to your child's class teacher to make arrangements for this. As we need to complete DBS checks for all regular volunteers we do need to ask that you are willing to commit to volunteering for an extended period of time, e.g. once a week for the rest of the academic year.

Daily timetable:

9:00-9:10 Handwriting/ Finger Gym

9:10 – 9:30 Whole class input Maths or English

9.30-10.20 English/Maths (2 groups) COOL Time (Choose Our Own Learning – 2 groups)

10.20-10.40 Phonics

10.40-11.00- Break

11:00-12:00 English/Maths (2 groups) COOL Time (Choose Our Own Learning – 2 groups)

LUNCH

1:00-1.30 Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE (input)

1.30- 2.50- COOL Time (and wider curriculum activity related to input)

1:30 – 3:00 - Reading groups will run alongside afternoon activities

3:00 – 3:25 Tidy up time and story time

3.25 - Home time