

Year 1 Newsletter

Our School Rules

Be safe. Be kind.



Be responsible.



Important dates

Wednesday 14th May –
Wyvernwood

Monday 26th – Friday 30th May –
HALF TERM

9th June – Phonics Screening
Check

17th June – KS1 Sports Day

Welcome back!

Welcome to the final term of Year 1! We have an exciting and busy few weeks ahead, filled with fantastic learning opportunities across the curriculum.

This term we have lots of new content and we will keep you informed with weekly updates on Class Dojo.

Please remember if you have any queries or concerns please message the Class Teacher via the Class Dojo learning platform. Absences and pick-ups must be communicated via the School Office.

We're looking forward to a fun-filled and productive term. As always, thank you for your continued support!

Our learning this half term

Maths - This term, we'll be introducing the children to multiplication and division through grouping and sharing. We'll also be exploring fractions by finding halves and quarters of shapes and quantities. Our learning will extend to position and direction, place value, money, and telling the time. These concepts will be revisited and reinforced during our daily *Mastering Number* sessions and through a range of independent activities.

Writing - Our writing this term will focus on three key genres: recounts, stories, and instructions. We'll begin by recounting our exciting trip to Wyvernwood, then move on to writing five-sentence stories using imaginative vocabulary. Throughout all our writing, we'll continue to develop sentence structure by using capital letters, punctuation, and sounding out words independently.

Phonics - In the first half of this term, we will be preparing for the **Phonics Screening Check**, which takes place during the week beginning **9th June**. We'll focus on building confidence and fluency with a range of words. After the check, we will continue to explore alternative spellings and pronunciations as we continue to 'grow the code'.

Science - Our Science topic this term is *Seasonal Changes*. We'll be observing and describing the changes across the seasons, including differences in weather and day length. In addition, we'll continue learning about plants and trees, including learning about how food is grown and cooked.

Other Subjects

- **Computing:** We will begin to explore basic coding.
- **PSHE:** Our focus will be on learning how to look after money and make sensible choices.
- **Music:** Children will develop their performance skills through singing and rhythm work.
- **RE:** We'll be learning about Shabbat and its importance in Jewish life.
- **PE:** As we prepare for Sports Day, we'll be practising a range of athletic activities and developing our teamwork skills.

Reading

- Children should read at home 3 times a week.
- Books will be changed on **Wednesdays**. They will only be changed if your child has read their book 3 or more times that week and it has been recorded in their reading log.
- Books should be brought back to school **every day**.
- Please take the time to read other books that the children enjoy. This can also be part of their reading 3 times a week.

Ideas you can explore at home

- Forming upper and lower case letters correctly.
- Practise reading and writing words including digraphs and trigraphs.
- Skip counting in 2's, 5s and 10s.
- Forming numbers correctly.
- Practice addition and subtraction using objects and number lines.
- Reading stories together and talking about what happens next and how the characters feel.
- Play games which involve sharing and turn-taking.
- Continue to discuss importance of hand-washing and cleanliness.
- Encouraging children to write in different contexts, e.g. birthday list, party invites, shopping list, thank you cards, diary writing and creating own stories.

Hats and suncream

Now that the weather is getting warmer, please ensure that your child brings a **named** hat and suncream to school each day.

Named uniform

Sometimes children may misplace belongings in school. To help ensure your child has the correct uniform returned to them, please make sure all of their uniform is named. *This includes jumpers and cardigans, water bottles and lunch boxes.*

P.E. kits

Children may wear their PE kits to school on their PE days.

Please make sure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for P.E.

They should wear:

- white t-shirt
- joggers
- purple school jumper
- trainers
- Black shorts

Long hair must be tied back and all earrings removed please.

Year 1 outdoor PE – Thursday and Friday.

Drinks

Children should bring a named water bottle to school. These can be refilled with water during the school day. If your child brings a packed lunch, we recommend that they bring a juice bottle or carton in their lunch box to take into the lunch hall. Their separate water bottle can remain in the classroom to reduce the risk of missing water bottles.