

# Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 1



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Welcome back to school in Year 1!

We are so excited about starting our learning together in Year 1.

Here are the staff that will be here to work with your children and yourselves:

## Hedgehogs



Miss Symonds



Mrs Sellers

## Owls



Mrs Bill



Miss Riches



Mrs Pilgrim

**Book Bags**— Please bring in your book bag every day.

## **PE**

PE will be on a **Wednesday** afternoon so please ensure your child has a PE kit. They will be able to wear the PE kit into school instead of school uniform.

**They will need a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers.** When the weather gets cooler, the children can bring a plain black or grey tracksuit.



Mrs North will be working across both classes.

## **INSET Days for the year:**

Monday 3rd November 2025  
Friday 13th February 2026  
Friday 27th March 2026  
Friday 26th June 2026

## **Newsletter challenge:**

Together with your child, answer the questions on this newsletter and tick the boxes when you have!



## Home reading

Every Friday your child will be given a new book. It is very important that book bags are in school on Friday so the old and new book can be switched around. The new book will have been read at least 3 times in school so your child should confidently read this book without any help. Your child will also come home with a Reading Record Card. Please take the time to listen to your child read and tick the box on the Reading Record Card. Children need to read 4 times a week at home as part of our reading challenge and can earn themselves prizes if they do!

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## Maths

We will begin our maths by thinking about numbers and their value. We will start by counting and sorting objects and then move on to recognising numbers as words and representing amounts. We will be counting forwards and backwards and finding 1 more and 1 less than a number. We will be finding pairs of numbers that add to make 5, for example,  $2+3=5$  and we will solve simple problems.

What numbers can you find around your home?  
Can you say one more or one less than that

## Science

As scientists this half term, we will be learning about how animals survive in their different habitats.

Which animals can you spot in the environment around you?

In RE, we are going to be learning about the Creation Story for Christians. Our Key Question is:

Does God want Christians to look after the world?

What is it you do to help look after your home?

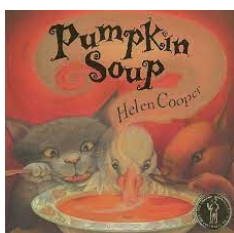
## Geography

As geographers, we will be learning about our local park and introducing the children to what a map is.

With your grown up, can you find where you live on Google Maps?

## English

This half term in English, we will be reading the stories 'On Sudden Hill' and 'Pumpkin Soup'. These stories will help us to explore the theme of friendship.



We will be using our phonics skills to help us write words and sentences, listening carefully to the sounds we can hear and writing them down in order.

When you have read a story at home, can your child retell the story to you?

In phonics this half term, the children will spend time recapping sounds they have been taught previously and beginning to learn some of the new alternative pronunciations.

## Music

As musicians, we will learn to identify the difference between the pulse and rhythm of a song.

At home, can you clap in time to your favourite song?

In PSHE this half term, we will be talking about how to make our classroom a fun and safe place to be. We will be thinking about our rights and responsibilities as learners.

What is your favourite lesson at school?