

Key Stage One Newsletter Autumn Term 2025



Welcome to a new school year!

The children in have had a fantastic start back to school and have settled into routine well. They are working hard and look great in their smart school uniforms.

We have a lot planned for this term and the rest of the year. Please make sure you check Class Dojo each week to find out about your child's weekly learning.

Please make sure that the children's clothes, lunchboxes and water bottles are ALL named as we always have a box full of lost property.

KS1 team

Tadpoles: Mrs Mead and Miss Parris on Wednesday

Minnows: Miss Parris (Mon-Tues) and Mrs Craig (Weds-Fri)

Ducklings: Miss Rahman

Sticklebacks: Mrs Dearn

TAs and HLTAs: Mrs O'Rourke, Mrs Fawkes, Ms Jackson, Mrs Sharp, Mrs Jain, Mrs Moore, Miss Clifford



Literacy

Our Literacy work this half-term will focus around the story of 'The Little Mermaid'. We will be focusing on the Disney version of the tale by writing a character description of Ursula and Ariel. We will also be writing setting descriptions of Ariel's cave and creating our own treasure cave to describe.



We will be writing instructions for building a sandcastle and creating a non-fiction text on sharks. We will learn how to label correctly and use subheadings to organise our non-fiction writing.

In Autumn 2, we will link our Literacy lessons with our topic of the Great Fire of London. We will retell the story of 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London' and 'Toby and the Great Fire of London'. We will write a diary entry about the events that happened during the fire too. We will also be writing a character description and instructions for a fire drill. We will be looking at poetry and writing our own poems.

Read write Inc has started this term and the children are enjoying working in their new groups. Please make sure you read with your child every day to practise their sounds.

Numeracy

We will start the year by looking at number and how we understand the value of number with lots of counting and ordering of numbers.

We will then be focusing on adding and subtracting in both year groups and be securing number facts to 10 in Year 1 and 100 in Year 2.

Later in the term, Year 1 will learn about 2D and 3D shapes and then focus on using their number knowledge to solve problems. Year 2 will look at money, multiplication and length and height.

Children will also be completing daily Maths Mastery sessions which help children remember and recall key mathematical facts such as number bonds, doubles and other key number facts.

They will also be completing a weekly times table in our Multiflyer test so keep an eye open for their scores coming home and please support your child to practise at home. You will find the level they are on at the back of their Homework Diary.



Curriculum information

Science

In Year 1 the children will be learning about materials for the whole term where they are identifying the name of them, their properties and also objects made with the materials. They will also look at the seasonal changes in Autumn and then Winter in the second half term.

In Year 2 they will be looking at different habitats and the plants and animals that live in them. We are going to visit Linford Wood to see the conditions in a woodland habitat. In the second half term they will be looking at materials where they will recap their knowledge on names, properties and objects and then look at suitability and how they can change materials by bending, stretching, squashing and twisting.

Computing

In Year 1, the children will be learning how to use the different equipment associated with computers like a mouse and then they will be doing digital painting to create their own art. In Year 2, they will be developing their word processing skills and then be looking at creating their own algorithms using Scratch.

Geography In Geography this half term we will be focusing on our local area. We will learn how to locate key points of interest on a map, how to create our own map and also how to use compass directions. We will also be walking our local area to identify features and how they are used.

History In Autumn 2 we will learn about the Great Fire of London; how, where and why it happened.

Art In Art in Autumn 1 we are focusing on the work of Kandinsky. We will learn about primary and secondary colours and how to mix them and use different media to recreate our own version of Kandinsky's concentric circles. In Autumn 2 we will be creating self portraits using sculpture.

RE In RE we will be learning about key figures and belief in the Christian and Jewish religions. We will start by learning who Jesus was and move onto knowing about Abraham and Moses. In Autumn 2 we will learn about the celebrations of Hanukkah and Christmas.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be looking at feelings and how we can respond to different feelings effectively. We will then move onto thinking about the difference between good (nice surprises) and bad secrets and what to do if we are uncomfortable with a secret someone has asked us to keep. In Autumn 2 we will focus on anti-bullying; focusing on what bullying is and being able to identify what we can do if someone is being bullied.

Dates for your diary...

26th Sept—Macmillan Coffee morning and open morning
29th Sept—Sticklebacks to Linford Wood
1st Oct—Ducklings to Linford Wood
7th Oct—School Photos
15th and 16th Oct—Parent's Evening
23rd Oct—Writing Evening
24th Oct—Finish for half term
3rd Nov—Back to school

Reading

Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. This is why we want children to read at least 4 x a week at home!

Please ensure that each time you read with your child you sign their diary so they can earn their special sticker each week. We give a sticker and dojos to children that read 4/5 times a week.

PE

Tadpoles: Wednesday and Friday
Minnows: Monday and Friday
Ducklings: Monday and Friday
Sticklebacks: Thursday and Friday

All pupils need to bring their P.E. kits (black shorts, white t-shirt and plimsolls or trainers) every Monday. Kits will be taken home on Friday for washing.



The PE cup is awarded to the class with the most children in full PE kit, so please ensure your child has the correct kit for each lesson. Every class would love to win the trophy!

Reminders

- ◆ Your child will be given spellings every Monday and will need to practise them ready for a spelling test the following Friday.
- ◆ The children will be given homework tasks each week on a Thursday. This will be a Mymaths task and login details will be sent home at the beginning of the year. It needs to be completed for the following Tuesday.
- ◆ Please can you remind your child to bring their books and Homework diary to school everyday.
- ◆ Every child needs to have a water bottle in school filled with water so that they don't become dehydrated during the school day. Please make sure that the bottle is named.