



Year 1 Spring 2025



Welcome back to a new term in Year 1! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and have enjoyed spending time with family and friends. We are very much looking forward to continuing this term with lots of fun, engaging and creative learning opportunities.

We know that your children learn best when we all work together. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please raise these with your child's class teacher first. If you feel that this does not resolve things, you can then contact the Year Team Leader (Mrs Thompson) to arrange a meeting. We are looking forward to working with you all again this

Dates for the diary!

INSET day – Friday 14th February

Parents' Evenings - Tuesday 11th March and Thursday 14th March

World Book Day (children may dress up for this event)
Thursday 6th March

Trip to Calshot Activity Centre – Friday 7th March

Year 1 Celebration – Thursday 27th March (am TBC)

Market Place – 10th February and 31st March

Easter Holiday – 7th - 18th April



Projects

Our project this half term is called 'The world beyond my window'. We will be learning all about Ghana and its capital city Accra and comparing its human and physical features to that of the United Kingdom and Southampton. In Science, we will be learning about different groups of animals and exploring what they need to survive. In Art, we will be creating our own hessian butterfly art inspired by the artist Heather Everitt. We are also really looking forward to cooking homemade soup in the teaching kitchen.

After the half term break, our project will be 'A drop in the ocean'. We will be learning the names of the world's oceans and the continents that they surround. We will be investigating the threat of plastic pollution on our sea life and exploring how small changes can have a big impact. In Art, we will be learning about the artist Georgia O'Keeffe and creating our own observational drawings of shells. In Science, we will be describing and comparing the structure of a variety of common animals (birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and invertebrates).

Days to note...

Monday – Outdoor PE (Hockey)

Wednesday – Indoor PE (Gymnastics)

Please make sure that all PE bags are in to school on these days.

Friday - Library

Please ensure library books are in their book bags so that they can be changed each week.



Parent helpers!



As always, parent help is extremely appreciated and has such an impact on the support we are able to provide for the children. We would absolutely love to have parents in to support with reading or intervention groups. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact your child's class teacher.

How can you best support your child's learning?

The best way to support your child's learning at home is to read with them every day. We know that home life can be very busy and school can be very tiring for children in Year 1. However, the impact of reading, being read to and sharing stories every day is invaluable for your child's learning and development.

Please also refer to the phonics booklet given to you at parents evening. You may like to practise reading and writing the harder to read and spell words at home. Can you spot them together when you are out? Can your child chalk them or make the words with foam letters at bath time?



ClassDojo

Thank you to all of you who are using Dojo. It really does support communication and helps you to see what your child has been busy learning in class. Teachers will respond to any messages around the school day and after school during office hours. Communications regarding absence or any prolonged communications, please continue to email the school office or phone reception.

Every Friday, there is a class story with an overview of what we have been learning each week. If you wish to do any follow up learning with your child, please refer to the class story for ideas on the things we have been covering to help them consolidate the learning.