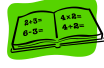


Year 1 Newsletter – Spring 1 2026

Dear Parents,
Welcome back and Happy New Year.
This is the Spring 1 newsletter.

We are looking forward to a fresh new term and continuing our learning journey.
This newsletter outlines all of the learning that your child will be doing during this half term, we hope that you find it useful.
Mrs Bagom and Mrs Ali

 English	This half term Y1 will be focusing on poetry 'The magic box' and our narrative 'How tortoise got his shell'. Our author focus this term is Smriti P Halls and our shared reading text is 'Lost and found' by Oliver Jeffers. https://openlibrary.org/ This is a free online library where you can access a range of books.
 Maths	During this half term, children will be focusing on place value, addition, and subtraction (within 20).
 Science	In Science, this half term, children will be learning about planting and animals.
 RE	In RE, this term, our unit will be focusing on Jewish worldviews and ways of life. They will learn about texts from the Torah and the importance of Jewish people today.
 Computing	Year 1 will develop their understanding of a range of tools used for digital painting. They then use these tools to create their own digital paintings, while gaining inspiration from a range of artists' work. The unit concludes with learners considering their preferences when painting with and without the use of digital devices.
History	In History, children will be focusing on how toys have changed from the past. We will be looking at old and new toys and comparing.
 Art	During Art and Design, this term we will be focusing on sculptures and 3D: paper play. Children will have a go at creating 3D sculptures, with the final outcome being a 3D spider.
 PE	During this half term, children will be focusing on dance: the seasons. PE will take place on Monday afternoons, please ensure that your children come to school in their correct PE kits: navy blue or black joggers/shorts/leggings and a plain white t-shirt, and trainers. If children do not attend with the correct PE kit, the office shall call you and request that the correct clothing is brought into school.
 Music	In Music, children will be covering the topic - musical symbols: under the sea. In this new unit, the children combine all the musical concepts learned throughout Year 1 for an underwater-themed performance incorporating instrumental, vocal and body sounds.
Phonics	In Phonics, we will be using the scheme 'SoundsWrite' the child will read and spell words containing the target sounds. They will develop their knowledge that a sound can be represented by one or more spelling. You can download the sounds-write app on an iPad, which will support your child's learning.
PSHE	In PSHE, this half term, children will be focusing on hygiene- washing hands, healthy eating, physical activity and fairness respecting others.



Attendance

In order for your child to get the best out of school and maximise their learning, please make sure your child is ***on time for school and comes to school every day.***

School starts at ***8.45am.***

THANK YOU