

Year 1 Advent term 1 2026

Welcome to Year 1!

In English our books this half term will be *Cave Baby* by Julia Donaldson and *The Naughty Bus* by Jan and Jerry Oke. We will cover key aspects of the English curriculum, including labelling and captions, letter writing, diary extracts, non-chronological reports and adventure stories. We shall be looking at spacing for words and writing sentences using capital letters and full stops.

In Science our first topic is the human body, where we will learn to identify, name, draw and label basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with which sense.

Please refer to the Key learning sheet sent home with your child. It will help us to look at how we are all special and unique and to celebrate our differences.

In PE we will be covering some of the fundamental movements including balancing, running, hopping, jumping and how we can use these in different spaces. We shall also be doing ball skills which include, dribbling with hands and feet, rolling, throwing and catching, making decisions and use of tactics. A quick reminder that PE is on **Tuesday and Friday**. The children are asked to come in joggers and a polo shirt (for ease of changing) and to have their pumps or trainers, shorts and PE t-shirt in their PE bag at school. Once per half term we shall have an extra session with the PE coach this will be communicated to you via Class dojo when it is happening.



Maths

In maths we will be looking at place value and addition and subtraction. Any practice you can do with your child at writing, reading, ordering and counting numbers up to 20 will help them.

In RE our first topic is Creation and Covenant. During this topic we learn about how God created our beautiful Earth and everything in it. We shall also learn about stewardship within this theme and how we can care and look after our school, our community and God's creation.



Homework

In year 1 we will work towards weekly homework in special homework book; this will be sent home each Tuesday and are due to be returned the following Monday. This will usually consist of a handwriting practice and another subject. This will begin in the next couple of weeks. We expect you to regularly listen to your child read (at least 3 times a week) and initial the

link book accordingly (books will be changed once a week if they have been initialled). After the half term we will start to send home spellings. They will be a short list of spellings for your child to learn at home. There will be a spelling test the following week. There is also one piece of 'project type' homework, each half term either set by us, or as whole school homework.

I can be contacted via Class Dojo or at the door at drop off and collection. If it is urgent then please phone the school office in case I don't pick up the dojo message in time. If you are able to help with listening to children read, as a volunteer, then please let me know.

I look forward to the year ahead with your children.

Many thanks

Mrs Crowley