

YEAR ONE NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to the start of a new school year in Year 1!

We are really looking forward to starting some exciting new topics and supporting children to settle into new routines and start their learning journey with us.

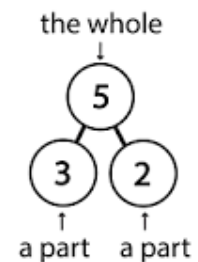
Mrs Gates and Miss Akhtar make up the Year 1 team.

Maths

This term we will be focusing on counting, comparing and ordering objects. We will be developing our use of language such as greater than, less than and equal to explain our thinking and tackle reasoning problems.

We will be developing our understanding of a whole and that a whole can be split into parts. We will also be learning that a whole can represent a group of objects.

Later in the term, we will focus on numbers 0-5. First, we will be learning about ordinal numbers e.g. 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc to show the position of objects. Following this, we will be partitioning numbers to 5 systematically. We will finish the half term by investigating, naming and composing 2d and 3d shapes.



English

We will be reading traditional tales to inspire our learning this term. We are focusing on the traditional tale of 'The Three Little Pigs'. Children will sequence events, retell the story, and write the story in their own words.

Children will have a daily phonics session and regular handwriting sessions alongside their English lessons.

In Year 1 children do not have set reading days, so please ensure reading books are in folders and in school every day.

When reading with your child at home, it is helpful if you make a note of how they are getting on in their reading record book, which is kept inside their folders. To begin with, children will read in a guided group in class each week and bring this book home to practice. We endeavour to ensure the children have had time to explore, enjoy and fully understand the text at school and home before moving on to a new book. Usually this is about once per week, although your child may need a little longer than a week to become confident and fluent in reading their book.

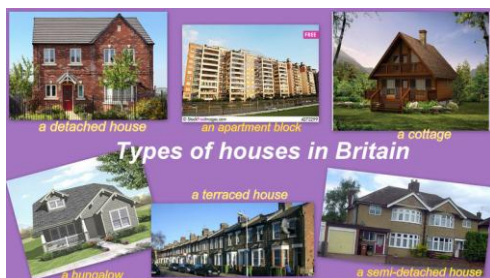
The development of reading skills are essential learning across the curriculum in Year 1. Children will visit The Den once a week to choose a book from the Godley Reading Spine to share at home (or read themselves!)

We encourage the children to read and re-read their phonics books, library books and favourite stories to embed skills and depth of understanding. If you need any support in reading at home, please let us know.



Science

Throughout this term in science children will be learning about seasonal changes. They will explore the usual types of weather for each season and typical changes in the environment. Children will use pictograms to explore patterns in the weather and climate and will also learn to record and compare the temperature.



Geography

In Geography, we will be exploring our local area of Godley and Hyde. We will learn about different houses and buildings in Godley through fieldwork and looking at maps. We will also find out where Godley is located within the world.

Additional Information

PE

PE will take place on **Wednesday and Friday.**

Please ensure your child has a fully labelled PE kit in school, including trainers. PE kit includes a white t-shirt, black shorts, and trainers. As the weather gets colder children can also bring jogging bottoms and a warmer top in black or white. Children are not allowed to wear hoop earrings and studs must be covered for safety reasons. No other jewellery is allowed, and children must have their hair tied back.

Communication

All communication between home and school will continue to take place via MCAS. Please let a member of staff know if you have any difficulty in accessing this platform. Can we also request you ensure your contact details are up to date by informing the school office of any changes.

Pick up Arrangements

If your child will be collected from school by anyone other than yourself as their parent, please let school know as soon as possible, including grandparents, family members, childminders, etc. Please make us aware of any regular collection arrangements as soon as possible so we can ensure they are dismissed safely. **We will not be able to dismiss your child to another adult if we have not been informed of collection arrangements.**

Homework and Spellings

Homework and spellings will be set every Friday via Microsoft Teams and will begin this half term. Details on how to access this platform will be sent to parents in due course.

Homework tasks will be an opportunity for children to practise and consolidate learning that has taken place in class that week. Homework must be completed by the following Friday. Your child has a homework book to keep at home. This is for your child to complete any work set that can't be completed directly onto Microsoft Teams.

This term we will begin spelling checks every Friday. Weekly spellings will be sent home to practice. Children will complete their spelling check in a spelling book each Friday, which will be sent home so that you can see which ones your children may still need support with. This book should be kept in their school bag.