



Year 1 Spring Newsletter 2025

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope that you had a happy time celebrating this special season. Thank you for all your kind messages, cards and gifts over the Christmas season - they are greatly appreciated!

We have been working hard to plan lots of interesting lessons and activities for this Spring term. Here is an overview of what will be happening this term.

The School Day

This term you will be able to bring in a school bag which should have your reading book, reading record and a water bottle (no juice please). Remember to also bring your lunch box (if you aren't having school dinners).

Below is an outline of what we will be learning with the children in this spring term:

Subject	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2
English	<p>Texts include:</p> <p>Stick Man by Julia Donaldson Stick Man lives in the family tree With his Stick Lady Love and their stick children three. But it's dangerous being a Stick Man. A dog wants to play with him, a swan builds her nest with him. He even ends up on a fire! Will he ever get back to the family tree?</p> <p>Whatever Next by Jill Murphy Baby Bear wants to go on one more adventure before bed - a quick trip to the moon. Mrs Bear isn't pleased, and anyway, she says, Baby Bear doesn't have a rocket. Luckily, there's one under the stairs . . .</p>	<p>Texts include:</p> <p>Supertato by Sue Hendra There's a new hero in town: Supertato! It is night-time in the supermarket and all is quiet and still. But wait. Something has escaped from the freezer and wants to cause chaos. Its targets: the fresh vegetables. Never fear, though - Supertato is here! Can he solve save the day?</p> <p>Paddington by Michael Bond Paddington, the brown bear from darkest Peru, is found by the Brown family on Paddington Station with his hat, duffel coat and marmalade sandwiches. What adventures will Paddington get up to in and around London?</p>
Maths	<p>Place value within 20 Addition and Subtraction within 20</p>	<p>Place Value within 50 Length and height Mass and volume</p>
RE	<p>Galilee to Jerusalem: The life of Jesus according to the Gospel of Luke. (Jesus's early life, his mission and the calling of the Disciples).</p>	<p>Desert to Garden: Jesus is tempted in the desert, the Easter story.</p>
CLC	<p>History What is an explorer? Focusing on Ibn Battuta and Neil Armstrong</p> <p>D&T Food: Fruit and Vegetables</p>	<p>Geography What is the United Kingdom?</p> <p>Art Sculpture and 3D: Paper Play</p>
Science	<p>Animals including humans</p>	<p>Seasonal Changes: Spring and Summer</p>

My Week at School - Each week you will be able to view information about your child's 'Week at School'. This will be sent out via Schoolcomms. The document will inform you each week of the different learning activities the children will be doing in Year 1.

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Reading

Our expectations are for children to read a least 5 times each week. When the children have read a set amount of times they will receive a certificate in Achievement Assembly. Please refer to the Reading Letter that you received.

P.E days



Year 1's PE days are on a Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on that day. Children are to wear trainers on this day. Velcro trainers are easier for the children than laces.

Homework

English - Spelling homework can be found on Ed Shed - <https://www.edshed.com/> (There is also a Spelling Shed app).

Maths - Maths homework can be found on Maths Shed via <https://www.edshed.com/> .

RE - Please complete the Gospel page in the Reading Record each week.

Important dates

Monday 3rd February: Road Safety Workshop

Friday 7th February: Parent Coffee Morning

Monday 10th to Thursday 14th February: Face-to-Face Parents' Evenings

Friday 14th February: INSET DAY

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February: Half-term Break

Wednesday 5th March: Ash Wednesday Mass (Year 1 - 6)

Thursday 6th March: Year 1 to visit Harold Hill Library.

Friday 7th March: World Book Day & Parent Coffee Morning

Tuesday 11th March: Whole School Olympian Workshop

Wednesday 12th March: Year 1 Assembly - Celebration of Learning 9am

Monday 10th - 14th March: RSE Week

Friday 14th March: Science Dress Up Day

Wednesday 2nd April: Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 3rd April: Easter Mass (Reception - Year 6)

Friday 4th April: Parent Coffee morning (Easter Crafting)

Friday 4th April: End of Term reports

Monday 7th - Tuesday 22nd April: Easter break



We all look forward to the term ahead and encourage you to email the school office if there is anything you are not sure of.

Kind regards,
The Year One Team

Thank you for your continued support.