



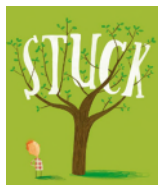
# Year 1 Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome to Year 1!

We hope you have all had a safe, restful, and relaxing summer holiday. We have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming your children back to school and into Year One. We have been very proud of the way that they have settled into their new routines and the new school day.

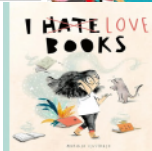
We are looking forward to a new term of great learning.

This term in English, we will be basing all our learning around the text 'Leaf'. We have been busy acting out different parts of the story and writing simple sentences – remembering to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We are continuing to work on our handwriting using a 'lead out' approach, and ensuring that the children write using the correct letter formation.



Every day, the children have a phonics lesson where they will recap previous learning as well as being introduced to new sounds.

In reading we are excited to introduce our term 1 'book cannon'. We will be sharing a new text each week developing fluency, comprehension and a love of reading.



In Maths, we will practise counting forwards and backwards and 1:1 correspondence. We will be investigating the structure of numbers using different resources and using this knowledge to order numbers to 30. We will use number lines to find the number that is 1 more and 1 less than a number to 30.

In Science, we will be looking at Animals including Humans. We will be identifying and classifying different animal types and investigating the diet of animals.

We will have weekly lessons in PSHE, RE, British Values, History, Design and Technology, Computing and Online Safety.

The children will have weekly PE lessons which will focus on fundamental movement skills such as throwing, catching and balancing. Please come to school dressed in your PE kit on Thursday. Unfortunately, we have been unable to secure a cycling instructor for Term 1. We will update you if this changes.

In music we can't wait to begin our African drumming lessons. These will be weekly lessons on a Monday afternoon taught through the Swindon Music Service. We will be inviting you to a performance in Term 3 to see the outcome of the children's efforts.

Homework will be given out on a Friday and will be due in on the following Wednesday. Homework for this term will be phonics practise.

Reading records will be sent home for you to annotate and sign. On a Friday, your child will be allocated an e-book- please record this in the reading record. We ask that children read at least 5 times a week to an adult. The number of reads are counted and then celebrated in assembly. Please note that we can only count a maximum of one read per day.

Reading groups will start week commencing the 9<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact us if you have not received the timing of your child's reading session.

Many thanks for your support! We look forward to sharing a fantastic term with you all!

## Meet the team

Please email if there is anything you wish to discuss

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