



## KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Newsletter - Autumn 2026

Friendship  
Determination  
Peace

Hope  
Friendship

Courage

### Values this term: Friendship and Resilience

Respect  
Happiness  
Resilience

Thoughtfulness  
Honesty  
Thoughtfulness

Welcome back to a new academic year! We have had a fantastic start to Autumn term and the children are already beginning to settle to their new routines and enjoying learning. As always we are easing the children in gently and taking time to get to know each other. We want every child to feel safe and comfortable at school—the children's wellbeing is always at the heart of everything we do!

**Reading reminder:** please ensure the children read their reading books at home on a daily basis or as often as possible. Short, regular sessions are more beneficial than reading the whole book in one go. If you would like any support with home reading please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Please ensure all you children's belongings are **clearly labelled**. Could I also re-request **only water** in the drinks bottles, please.

Please send a rain coat in daily- we try to go out in all weathers!



### Mathematics

In Autumn 1 the children will spend many weeks working on Number and place value, before moving into Addition and subtraction.

In Autumn 2, we will continue with addition and subtraction before moving to work on shape.

The Year 1 and 2 maths sessions are taught in separate classrooms. We also take the learning outdoors when possible!

### English

We will start the year with work based on stories in familiar settings such as the The Tiger who came to Tea stories by Judith Kerr. We then move on to Traditional Tales, with particular focus on the Jack and the Beanstalk before ending the half term with a non-fiction unit on Recounts.

After the half term break we will be looking at various non fiction texts before moving to a festive classic, The Jolly Christmas Postman.

### Science and

#### Foundation subjects

Our history topic for the first half term will be 'How am I making History'.

In Art we will be exploring a unit called 'Making a mark'.

After half term our geography topic will be 'Where am I' and in D&T we will be constructing windmills.

In Science our for the term are: An introduction to Plants and Seasonal Change.

### KS1 timetable

Please remember Forest School on Mondays: the children will need long sleeve tops and trousers/ leggings and comfy footwear. They will also need full waterproofs in a separate bag. Our first forest school session will take place on Monday 15th September.

This half term PE will be on Wed.

Reading books change — Thursdays

Library day — Fridays

Spelling test — Mondays



### Home learning

Learning Logs will be sent home weekly this year and the the weekly tasks will reflect the children's learning in phonics.