

# Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 2 2025

Welcome Back! We hope you all had a wonderful and restful half-term break. We're so proud of how well the children settled into Year 1 during the first half of the term – their enthusiasm, resilience, and growing independence have been fantastic to see. It's been a busy and productive start to the school year, and we're looking forward to continuing this positive momentum as we move into the weeks ahead.

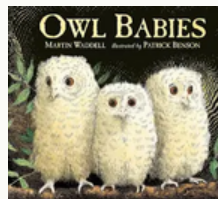
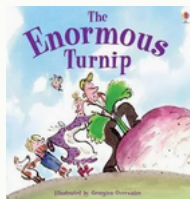


Mrs Hutton



Mrs Hammond

In English this term, we are reading Owl Babies and writing a description of a forest setting. We are also innovating our own version of the Owl Babies story, and writing facts about owls. We will be reading and re-telling the story of 'The Enormous Turnip' and creating our own version.



In Science, we are exploring everyday materials and seasonal changes from Autumn to Winter. We will explore the weather associated with each season and gather data to find out how the day length varies. We will also be comparing the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials while performing simple tests.

In History, we are exploring the lives of significant women and how they have shaped our world despite inequalities: Rosa Parks, Greta Thunberg, Malala Yousafzai, Queen Elizabeth and Marie Curie.

In RE, we will be exploring the big question 'What do Christians believe God is like? We will explore the concept of the link with God as a loving father in the story of 'The Lost Son'

In Maths, we are focusing on addition and subtraction within 10 and exploring number bonds using the part-part-whole model. The children will also be learning about 2D and 3D shapes, identifying their properties, and creating patterns using these shapes.

In Art, we are learning to draw self-portraits and exploring the work of famous portrait artists. The children will be practising different types of lines and experimenting with shading techniques, to create a four-step scale from light to dark.

In PE, we will be copying and inventing actions to create our own dance based on the theme of weather, pirates and a lost toy.

In Computing, the children will be learning to make pictures using paint tools to draw a picture, create a jigsaw using a digital device and share it so that others can play and create images and use these to make a game.

In PSHE, the unit we will be covering is 'Celebrating Difference'. We will be exploring similarities and differences between ourselves and others and what is bullying and who we can talk to.

In French, we will be learning about different buildings -  
Une maison - a house  
Une église - a church  
Un hôtel - a hotel  
Un café - a café  
Un supermarché - a supermarket

In Music, we will explore the songs Rhythm in the Way We Walk and Banana Rap, focusing on discovering the pulse of each piece. The children will listen carefully to appreciate the similarities and differences between the songs, and use their voices and instruments to perform them.

## Class Information

Our PE days are **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure your child has a white t-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls/ trainers on those days.

Reading for pleasure books and decodable



reading books are changed every Thursday /Friday .

Please hear your child read their decodable book regularly at home and enjoy sharing their reading for pleasure book. Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them each day - these can be re-filled when required in school.

## Upcoming Events

Please check class Dojo, emails / parent pay regularly to keep informed of key dates and events in our school calendar:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> November - School re-opens
- 6th November - PE Festival (Target) The Pods, Ashby Road
- 11th November - Remembrance Service
- 17th November -Speed of Light Day
- 21st November -Children in Need
- 24th November-Library Visit
- 2nd December -Crib Service at the Methodist Chapel
- 4th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- 9th December - KSI Christmas Concert: Singalong at Christmas Time
- 17th December - Carols Around the Tree
- 18th December - Panto and Christmas Party