

# Year 1 Newsletter

Spring 1 2026

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a lovely Christmas break with your family and friends. The children had an amazing Autumn Term and we are ready for another busy jam packed term in Year 1.



Mrs Hutton



Mrs Hammond

In English, we will be learning how to write a set of instructions in order to make a disgusting sandwich, based on the story 'The Disgusting Sandwich by Gareth Edwards. We will be innovating our own version of The Three Little Pigs and learning a new poem called The Morning Rush.



In Science, we will be naming, identifying and classifying a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will be identifying and naming a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We will be identifying, naming and labelling the basic parts of the human body and exploring the senses.

In Geography, we will be studying the UK, looking at the countries, capitals and famous landmarks.

In DT, we will be looking at free standing structures. We will then design and make a chair for Baby Bear!

In French, we will learn how to say the names of some animals  
un poisson - fish  
un serpent -snake  
un oiseau - bird  
un chien - dog

In maths, we will be:  
Counting forwards and backwards within 20  
Recognising, reading and writing numbers to 20 in figures and in words  
Comparing and ordering numbers within 20 and finding one more / one less  
Representing numbers 10-20 using tens and ones  
Finding bonds for numbers to 20  
Adding and subtracting within 20

Our focus for PE is gymnastics where we will explore shape, strategy, balance and rolls before we link them together in a sequence.

In PSHE our focus is Dreams and Goals. We will be looking at overcoming obstacles and challenges.

In RE, we will be exploring the religious faith Islam and how Allah is described in the Qur'an.

In Computing, the children will become 'Data Explorers'. They will learn how to sort and group items and explore how data can be represented with pictures in a Pictogram

In Music, we will be focusing on **In The Groove, Blues by Joanna Mangona**  
We will learn how to listen and appraise and then use our voices as instruments to perform.

## 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 week.

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:

- School opens - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January
- 15.1.26 - Yr1 PE Festival at Baysgarth Leisure Centre, 12.00 - 3.00pm
- 21.1.26 - Federation Careers Fayre
- 6.2.26 - NSPCC Number Day
- 10.2.26 - Safer Internet Day