

General Information and Reminders

Top tips for supporting at home this term:

We have thought carefully about some key areas of the curriculum that can be supported at home this term. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

- **Daily reading:** Listen to your child read for 10-15 minutes each day to help them become more confident and fluent. Please also encourage your child to sound out words in their head as this will support them to sound more fluent over time.

- **Tricky words:** Please continue to practise the Reception tricky words to further support fluency when reading. Use and cut up the tricky words I have sent home to help with this. I will also send home the new tricky words when we start learning them after half term.

- **Writing numerals and counting:** Please support your child to write numerals 0-10, using the correct formation and facing the right way. We will also begin working on addition and subtraction this term. Counting forwards to and backwards from 100 will support them to successfully 'count on' and 'count back' when adding and subtracting. A way to practise this is counting how long different things take, for example counting how many steps it takes to walk to school or seeing if you can get home before you reach zero.

PE

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform in school every day:

blue shorts/tracksuit trousers, a grey t shirt, plimsolls or a change of trainers for outside

Please ensure all clothes and shoes are clearly labelled with your child's name.



Trips and key dates for this term - put in date order

Heath trips - dates tbc

Thursday 26th November, 3.20pm: whole school Art Exhibition

Thursday 10th December, 10am: Infant Nativity

Please also see dates in school newsletters

Class assembly

Our class assembly this term will take place on Friday 20th November at 10am. All parents, carers and family members are warmly invited!

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday.

Spellings will be sent home on *Thursday* and tested on *Tuesday*.

Homework will cover a range of tasks and subjects over the term. In addition, children will be expected to read regularly and learn weekly spellings.

If you feel that your child has spent sufficient time on his/her homework but has not finished the work set, that is fine. We all work at different levels and speeds, so ensure your child achieves what is appropriate for his/her ability.



HOMEWORK



Reminders

- Please ensure all school clothes/coats are named to prevent items getting lost.
- If your child is absent from school, please email the school office on the first day of absence and keep us updated on any further days of absence.
- Your child has been given a Christ Church water bottle. Please make sure your child's water bottle is in school every day.

- Please do not send sweets or any food/non-food items into school to celebrate birthdays - we are unable to hand these out to the other children in the class.



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Welcome to Year 1

Autumn Term 2026



Year One

Class Teacher: Miss Lewsey

Other teachers working with Year 1: Mr Spadaccini (PE), Mr Oliver (Music), Ms Miller (Computing)

Our whole team of excellent teaching assistants work in classes and playgrounds across the school.

Welcome to Year 1 and to a new and exciting school year!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. This letter outlines our class topics, trips and general information for this term. All the staff in Year 1 are very much looking forward to working with you and your child this year. If you have any worries or concerns, or would like further information about this term's curriculum, please do not hesitate to book an appointment to meet with me.

Remember the school day starts at 8.50am when the bell rings in the playground – please make it a new school year resolution to help your child to be on time every day!

Kind regards, Miss Lewsey

'Try Something New' week!

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Look out for 'Try something new' week between 12th – 16th October! Year 6 will be trying lots of new things during the week at their residential trip to a PGL activity centre in Dorset while all the other classes will be trying lots of new activities at school and on local trips.

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We know that trying new activities helps to keep us interested and curious which helps our well-being and positive mental health. We use the week to talk to children about how they feel before and after trying something new and to help children to build resilience and overcome any anxiety about new activities. Look out for curling, kayaking and bread-making!

English



English will be taught through studying both fiction and non-fiction texts. We will be learning about how to write lists, labels, captions, looking at stories with repeating patterns, and writing our own narratives after looking at traditional tales from other cultures. We will continue with daily phonics lessons and group and individual reading of decodable books.

Maths



Topics:	Key Learning:
Place value	Counting objects, comparing numbers within 10, ordering objects and ordering numbers.
Addition	Finding number bonds to 10, introducing parts and wholes and recognising the addition symbol.
Subtraction	Working out how many are left, counting back and finding the difference.
Geometry	Recognise and identify 2D and 3D shapes and make patterns with shapes.
Place value within 20	Recognise 10s and 1s, count on 1 more and 1 less and order groups of objects.

Computing



This term we will focus on sequencing instructions. We will be learning how to log onto a computer and label the different parts of a computer. We will also start to learn about coding using a program called RodoCodo.

RE



What responsibility has God given people about taking care of Creation?

In this unit children will be reminded of the key concept: Creation. Children will understand what it means to be made in God's image.

Why is each person important in the Nativity story?

This unit will remind us of the core concept: Incarnation and help us to know the nativity story and its message.

History



In our History topic we will be learning about toys of the past, present and future. We will be learning about the toys used in our grandparents' time and how toys have changed over time. We will also be studying the history of the transport of the local area of Hampstead and the wider area.

Geography



We will be learning to locate the UK on a map and learn the names of the four countries that make it up. The children will be looking at hot and cold areas of the world and where they are on the globe. We will also be learning about daily weather and seasonal change.

PSHE



PSHE week will take place in the week commencing 9th November and will focus on positive relationships and friendships as well as celebrating differences. There will also be a whole school Anti-Bullying Day. In Year 1, we will be learning about being a good friend, as well as the difference between kind and unkind actions.

PE



This term the children will be learning a number of different skills using various resources including throwing and catching to improve co-ordination and spatial awareness for simple games. Children will also be forming shapes and balances in gymnastics.

Music



The Menu Song - The children will learn a fun, cumulative song with off-beat rhythms that presents a series of tasty dishes over the course of a week. The activities lead up to the creation of a theatrical group performance using kitchen-themed props. In addition, children practise their skills in listening, keeping a steady beat, and developing a sense of pitch by echo singing a leader. They will also learn to sing and perform actions to the Ghanaian folk song Che Che Kule.

Art



Children will be investigating the possibilities of direct and overprinting using primary colours. They will also begin to represent texture by using different marks and use collage to create self-portraits. We will be looking at the artist Eric Carle.

Design



+Technology

Children will be designing and creating a nativity character finger puppet using a template and joining materials together. Children will then evaluate their designs and finished products, ready for selling them at the Christmas fair!

Please see the reverse for general reminders and some key dates!