

Happy New Year!

2026



We would like to welcome you all back to another exciting term and we hope you all had an enjoyable festive break.

The children have settled into Year 1 life well. During the first half of Spring Term we are excited about our Topic 'How have toys changed over time?'. This will have a History focus and we look forward to learning about the Victorians as well as making comparisons to toys then and now. We will also have a Victorian themed day! In the second half of the term we will focus on The UK with a Geography focus.

Remember to check Parent Mail and our year group pages on the school website for information.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Year 1

1E – Miss Evans

Cover every 2 weeks on a Wednesday (Miss Chandler)

Supported by Mrs Chandler in the mornings.

1SH – Mrs Harrison (Monday) and Miss Stanford (Tuesday – Friday)

Cover every 2 weeks on a Wednesday (Miss Arnold)

Supported by Mrs Nicholls (Monday- Wednesday) and Miss Arnold (Thursday- Friday) in the mornings

1BM – Mrs Martin (Monday - Tuesday) and Mrs Bagley (Wednesday – Friday)

Supported by Miss Burrows in the mornings.

Mrs Eckley-Gardner – Deputy Head

Mrs Hough – SENCO

Curriculum and Topic:

English: Grammarsaurus- Place Value or Grammar and Punctuation. Reading and Phonics focus once a week.

Maths: Position and direction, Place value to 20, addition and subtraction within 10, length and height and Money

Science: Seasons and plants

Topic: Our topic question for Spring 1 is: How have toys changed over time?

R.E: Christianity and Judaism

P.E: Multi skills- Hit, catch and run

Art: Plants

PSHE: Healthy Me

Computing: Accessing the computer

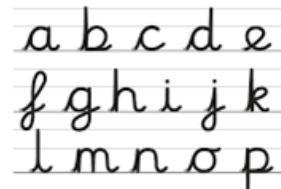
Homework

Reading is extremely important. It is vital that you listen to your child read and ask them questions about what they have read. Please read with your child as often as possible. Children also love to hear others read too, helping them to become expressive, fluent readers. Routines of having a bedtime story is a lovely way to support this. Fluency is a key aspect of our reading!



By the end of the year, there are **common exception words** which the children are expected to be able to read and spell accurately. These are available on the school website for you to practise with your child. Children will take a Phonics Screening test in the Summer term. In phonics lessons we encourage children to underline any 'special friends' they may find.

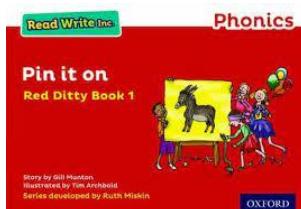
The children will now be taught how to start **joining their letters** when writing. In Year 1 we call this pre-cursive. You could encourage your child to practise this at home. This could be with pencil to paper, with paints or even in messy play!



Topic – Research Victorians with a family member and discuss materials of toys you have at home.

Reading

We are continually assessing your child's reading and phonic knowledge.



Children should be bringing their book bag to school every day.

The books will be changed regularly (according to their phonic group) – Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Please read as often as possible with your children.

Physical Education (P.E.)

Please ensure your children bring in their labelled PE kits at the start of each half term. We will send their kit home at the end of each half term to be washed.



Earrings are required to be taken out or covered over with tape on PE days.

PE days change each half term. Each Year 1 class will have their PE day poster in their window.

1st Half Term

1SH – Thursday

1E and 1BM – Friday

Thank you to everybody for all of your donations for this year's Reindeer Run!



Dates for your Diary

Dates	Events
Tuesday 6 th January	First day of term
Thursday 12 th February	Victorian Day (further information to follow)
Friday 13 th February	Last day of term
Half Term (Monday 16th – Friday 20st February)	
Monday 23 rd February	Back to school
TBC	Walk around Leominster (further information to follow)
Wednesday 25 th March	Parents' Evening (3.45 - 5.30pm)
Thursday 26 th March	Parents' Evening (5-7pm)
Friday 27 th March	Last day of term for pupils

Many thanks,

The Year 1 Team