

Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn 2026

Miss Senensieb, Miss Holly and Miss Angela

Welcome to Year 1!

The children have made a fantastic start to this new school year and have settled in really well to their new class. We are so pleased at the way that they are learning the new routines and getting to grips with the new expectations and we look forward to getting to know them better over the coming year

English

During the Autumn term, the children will be building on their previous phonic learning from Reception to develop their ability to write in sentences and paragraphs. The texts we will be reading this term are *Oi Frog, I Want my Hat Back*, *The Odd Egg* and *Lost and Found*.

Handwriting

In Year 1, we will be focusing on pencil control (using the three-point grip), posture and position, as well as sitting letters on the line. Please help us by supporting your child with this at home when they are writing.

Maths

During the Autumn term, the children will be developing their understanding of numbers to 20, building confidence in counting forwards and backwards. They will begin to explore addition and subtraction using a range of practical apparatus to support their learning, including counters, cubes, Numicon and number tracks. The children will also learn about 2D shapes and develop their understanding of length and time, beginning to tell the time to the hour.

This term, our focus will be on the world around us. In Geography, the children will begin by exploring where they live and their local area, before looking more closely at London and the United Kingdom. They will also develop their understanding of how the weather changes throughout the different seasons.

In Science, the children will be exploring the plants and trees around our school and observing what happens to them during Autumn. Each week, we will track and record the changes we notice around us, helping the children to develop their understanding of seasonal change.

Reminders

PE will be on **Mondays and Fridays**. Please ensure children have the correct PE kit in school on these days, ready to be changed into.

Reading records will be checked daily. Reading every day is important, as it not only helps children become more confident readers but also supports their spelling, writing, and vocabulary development, which has a positive impact across all areas of learning.

Homework is given out on **Fridays** and should be returned by the following **Tuesday**.

Reading books are changed on **Mondays and Thursdays**.

Year 2 Newsletter – Autumn 2026

Miss Kirney, Ms Cherisse, Ms Mandy and Miss Victoria

Welcome to Year 2!

The children have made a wonderful start to the new school year and have settled in well to their new class. They are quickly learning the routines and expectations of Year 2, and we are very proud of how positive and enthusiastic they have been. This term we have a busy and exciting time ahead as we begin our *Explorers* topic, and we are really looking forward to getting to know the children even better over the coming year.

In English this term, Year 2 will be taking part in lots of exciting writing opportunities linked to our *Explorers* theme. We will be focusing on the books *Man on the Moon (A Day in the Life of Bob)* by Simon Bartram and *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson. The children will write letters to Bob, create a tour guide, and develop setting descriptions. They will also explore the idea of journeys and use this as inspiration to write their own adventure-style stories.



In Maths this term, the children will be learning how to add and subtract using number lines and partitioning strategies. They will also practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s from any given number. Later in the term, Year 2 will be introduced to multiplication, division and fractions, and they will have opportunities to use these skills in problem-solving investigations.

You can support your child at home by helping them to practise their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and using Numbots weekly to practice.



This term our topics will focus on *Famous Explorers* and *My Local Area and Tulum, Mexico*. The children will find out about significant explorers from the past and the impact they had on the world. They will also compare our local area with Tulum in Mexico, looking at similarities and differences in geography, culture and daily life. To support this, the class will take part in a local walk to explore the features of our own area first-hand.

This year, we will be placing a strong focus on handwriting. The children will be practising forming both capital and lowercase letters correctly and working on writing neatly on the line. We want them to feel confident and proud of their handwriting as they move through Year 2.

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- **Spellings** are given out on **Fridays** and should be practised each night, ready for a test the following Friday.
- **Homework** is given out on **Fridays** and should be returned by the following **Tuesday**.
- **Reading books** are changed on **Mondays and Thursdays**.

Thank you for your continued support this year. We are looking forward to working together to help your child make great progress in Year 2.