

Year 1 Newsletter
Autumn 2
2026-2027



Welcome back! We hope that you all had a wonderful break and are ready for another fun filled term ahead. This newsletter will provide you with information on the upcoming half term. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to ask.

Maths Celebration Day- 27th November

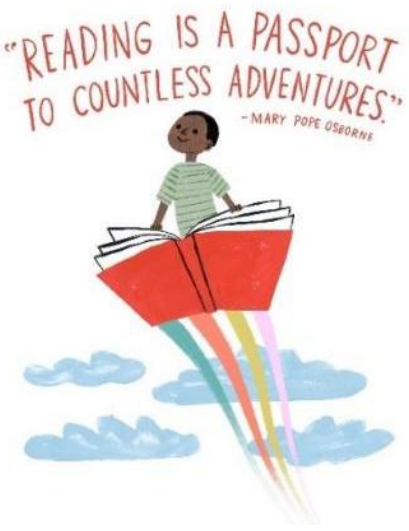
We will be holding a maths celebration day on the above date. We will showcase different maths games, strategies and activities you can do with your children. We would love for you to come along to see how to support your children at home.

Reading

It is very important for children to practise reading every day. Through reading children are able to access the world around them and supports the development in all other areas. It is also important to foster a love for reading and we ask that you read a variety of stories to them that they enjoy. If you have any spare time we would love for you to take your child to the library where they can explore lots of different reading materials and stories.

You will have received your reading book and diary, it is expected that children bring both their reading diary and reading book into class every day. They will need to get these out of their bags and place them into a reading box. Your child's reading diary should be signed every time your child is reading at home this should be **every day** to best benefit your child. This could be a book, magazine, a newspaper of their choice or their reader from school. We are going to be giving out rewards for every five reads they do at home. This can only be monitored if the reading diary is being signed and is coming to school every day.

We will read every day with a group of children and if your child forgets their book it may mean that they miss out on reading with an adult that day. When your child is read to a comment will be left inside their reading diary, this will explain how your child is getting on and whether or not they are ready for a new book. We will not be giving your child a new book until they are ready for one so this may mean that your child has the book for a few weeks or it might mean that they get to change their book every time they are read to. If you are unsure please do not hesitate to ask we are always here to help.



Topic

Our topic this term is 'Explorers' where we will be learning about our place in the world. We will learn about our local area, our city, the UK, the continents and key explorers in history.

The focus of our topic this half term will be a combination of History and Geography. We will gain an understanding of where we are within the world, locating ourselves within various contexts. In our classrooms we will be creating our own world map to help our understanding.

DT project

This term we will be designing our own boat taking inspiration from Edward Smith and John Taylor. We will be using the knowledge gained from our science topic to help us design a boat that can float on water.



Edward Smith boat models



John Taylor boat models

Science

We will start this term learning about materials; exploring and comparing their properties and uses. If you have any materials at home (wood, paper, foil, plastic etc) that you would be happy to donate to help with our learning, please bring them in! After this, we will continue our learning on weather and the seasons, this term's focus being winter.

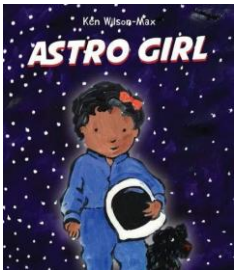


Maths

To follow on from last term's learning on addition within 10, we will be covering subtraction for numbers within 10. We will be using various methods such as counting backwards on a number line and crossing out. Following this, we will be solidifying our place value knowledge on numbers up to 20. To help your children at home with our maths this term, you could try counting backwards from 10 or 20, spotting numbers on your walk to school, practising number formation from 0-20, or counting objects around the home.

English

This term we will be reading *Astro Girl*. The children will be focussing on writing clear sentences using adjectives to describe and also extending their sentences by using conjunctions e.g. because, and, so. Children will finish the topic by creating their own non-fiction space booklet.



P.E

Every Monday is your child's PE session. We ask that you bring a labelled PE kit in for your child. This kit must be in a **NAMED BAG** have a named T-shirt, some shorts or leggings and trainers or plimsolls. This kit needs to come in **EVERY TUESDAY**. Please do not send your child in their P.E kit.

REQUESTS

Please label all of your child's uniform and their water bottle.

We are looking at expanding our learning provisions and are wondering if you have any of these things available directly, or through friends or other family members.

- Old objects - such as a type writer, tape player/tapes, old telephone, brick mobiles
- Tyres
- Pipes, straight and bendy
- Cable reels
- Crates
- Bread crates
- Astro turf
- Old pots and pans







If you have any items that we can use for junk modelling, they would be much appreciated.

We look forward to a fun filled year ahead. Please speak to a member of the year one team at home time if you have any questions. Thank you all for your support in your child's learning journey. We look forward to getting to know you and your child this year.

The Year 1 Team