

# Year 1 News

Week Beginning 5th January 2026

## Key Learning



### Literacy: sentence writing

- To spell tricky words correctly.
- To write short narratives by sequencing sentences.
- To read my writing clearly enough to be heard by my peers.
- To use capital letters and full stops correctly.



### Numeracy: Number Work

- To count forwards and backwards to 100 from any number.
- To use place value tens and ones
- To measure length and height, mass and weight, capacity and volume, and record time.



### Creative Curriculum: Dinosaurs

- Know features of hot and cold places in the world.
- Did dinosaurs live in hot and cold countries?
- Using clay to create a dinosaur.
- Design, make and evaluate a moving picture.

Happy New Year! Thank you to all of you for your kind cards, gifts and good wishes for the festive season! We hope that you all had a very happy Christmas and we are looking forward to a very busy and exciting term with the children. Just a reminder that our topic for this half term is Dinosaurs - please refer to the Topic Web and Family Learning sheets for information on what we are learning this term. The children are welcome to bring in their Home Learning to add to our classroom display!

As always, we will try to endeavour to keep you updated with what is happening in Year 1 through letter updates and Seesaw, but please do not hesitate to email us, or arrange a telephone call if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Please remember to send and Reading books/records on a Wednesday and Friday. Also, check Seesaw each WFriday for the new optional homework and Spellings. Thankyou.

Mrs Carey and Mrs Dearden

## DATES FOR YEAR 1:

Tuesday 6th January - Start of term

Friday 23rd January- Beetles class assembly followed by book look- 10 am

Friday 30th January- Ladybirds class assembly followed by book look- 10 am

Week beginning 9th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th February - Parents' Evening 3.20-5.30pm

Friday 13th February - break up for half-term

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Monday 23rd February - Children back to school.

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day - dress up day

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - 11am KS1 Easter Assembly

Thursday 26th March - Term ends 1.20pm

## Reading books

Learning to read is a very important part of children's learning so please help your child by reading and discussing their book with them at home for a few minutes **every** night. Please be aware that they do not need to finish the whole book every night as some of them are quite long. Books and Reading Records should come to school every **Wednesday and Friday** with your child.

There is also an opportunity to read a variety of books online and phonics games via 'Reading eggs' Please note that the children have a log in for this, this can be used for additional reading online.

**Reading records MUST be signed every time you read with your child with a small comment. It is useful for us to see how often your children are reading at home.**

In school, we continue to endeavour to listen to your children read regularly (daily within each Phonics group) and we follow many assessment methods in order to monitor their reading ability. The skill of reading takes into account many different strands therefore it is likely for children not to move phonics groups within a school term. Some children may stay in the same phonics group for a term or more and they will have additional reading sessions in school to support their phonics learning.

## Homework

Thank you for the support with the Optional homework on Seesaw this term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed completing their homework and we will be continuing to give homework in the same way this term. Please speak to us at your earliest convenience if you have any questions or problems regarding the week's homework, and we will always try our best to provide support and guidance.

## PE kits and uniforms

P.E for **Beetles** will continue to be on a **Monday and Thursday**.

**Ladybirds** will continue to have PE on a **Wednesday and Thursday**.

- All children must wear either plimsolls or trainers when taking part in PE. Jumpers must either be the school burgundy jumper or a plain black/ navy jumper. If your child is wearing a tracksuit for PE in winter, it must be plain black or navy blue.
- Please ensure that all school uniform - including all P.E. kit - is clearly labelled so lost property can find its way back to you. It is the children's responsibility to keep track of their own belongings.
- **Jewellery is not to be worn on P.E days.** Please ensure all earrings are removed before your child comes to school on P.E days as we are unable to assist them in taking their earrings out OR ensure they can remove earrings safely by themselves.
- It is important that all uniform, including hair ties, follows our school expectations so that we can continue to present a smart image as a whole school.