



Year 1 Autumn Term Newsletter



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our parents and children to Year 1. We hope to have a great start to the academic year. The Year 1 team are very excited and can't wait begin this learning journey with you! **Our welcome meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 3.30pm in the KS2 Hall.**

Year 1 team

Vice Principal - Mrs Mohamed
Mrs Mamombe- Year 1 team leader -1RM
Mr Tyndall- 1MT
Mrs Cippolone- 1BC
Miss Lodhi- 1ML
Mrs Ferrari- 1LF
Mrs Mason-HLTA

Attendance

We expect every child to come to school every day to maximise learning opportunities and to help develop their life skills. We therefore **we expect 100% attendance from each Year 1 child**. This is especially important as our children have lost a significant amount of face-to-face learning time due to Covid -19 and the restrictions that came with it. **Attendance is checked daily** and if any of the year 1 classes has had 100% for the week, then all the children in that class will be rewarded with a non school uniform day and extra play time.

Homework

A reminder that all children are expected to complete all homework given each week. **Homework will go out on Thursday and be returned the following Tuesday**. Weekly spellings from the Year 1 Statutory Spellings List will also be give out weekly for children to learn. There will be weekly spelling tests and certificates will be given for 10/10 scores.

Google classroom

Please ensure your child is signed up to and has access to Google Classroom so they can complete their weekly non-core quizzes, spellings and weekly comprehensions. It is really important all children are accessing this on a weekly basis. If you are unsure about how to access Google Classroom, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Reading

All children will be given a reading book every Monday and to read it during the course of the week. Books will be collected on Friday. Please make time to read with your child then sign their reading record after reading with them so the class teacher knows that your child is reading at home. Reading records will be checked daily by the teacher. Should you need any help or strategies, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to help.

Year 1 Autumn term topics

- **English:** Stories, Seasonal poetry, instructional writing and letters
- **Maths:** Number skills. Recognising 2D and 3D shapes
- **History:** Toys from the past
- **Science:** Animals including humans
- **RE:** My communitiy
- **Music:** Rhythm games



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Reading with children



The Year 1 team will be working hard to develop children's reading skills and encourage reading for pleasure. We believe it is important to encourage children's love of reading - 'The more you read, the more you will know...' Dr Seuss.

We have a wide variety of books to choose from to take home. Please encourage your child share their brilliant reading with you at home, this will drive their passion for reading and create bonding opportunities for you.

Please ask your child's class teacher for any more information regarding reading or a recommended book list!

Weclome Meeting

Hillingdon libraries have now launched the Summer Reading challenge, it is free and easy to join the library. 4- 11 year-olds can join the challenge.

Visit the website to find out more

<https://hillingdon.gov.uk/summer-reading>

Useful Websites

- www.oxfordowl.co.uk
- www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize - covers a wide range of subjects across the curriculum to explore
- mathsisfun.com
- khanacademy.com
- theschoolrun.com - great explanations
- dkfindout.com - different topics and quizzes
- phonicsplay.co.uk - excellent site and there are some free sections.
- topmarks.co.uk - some free grammar and spelling games.
- whiterosemaths.com/homelearning
- www.pobble365.com - for writing inspiration
- readingeggs.com
- www.twinkl.com - free printable resources
- World-geography-games.com
- www.robbidulpph.com/draw-with-rob - learn to draw with the illustrator Rob Biddulph
- www.stem.org.uk/primary-science

Star Reader Award

In year 1 we are completing a star reader scheme to encourage children to read a range of different genres. This will expose our emergent readers to a range of text types e.g. poetry, fairy-tales, newspaper articles and short stories just to name a few.

Read **5 Books** and receive a **Bronze certificate**.

Read **12 books** and receive a **Silver Certificate**.

Read **20 books** and receive a **Gold Certificate**.

Ask your child's teacher for more information and a booklet!

