Everyone belongs at Reay; we think creatively and have a thirst for learning.

Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn Term 2 (2026-2027)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new term! I hope you all had an enjoyable break. It was lovely to meet lots of you in person at the Parents/Carers evening at the end of the last term. We are looking forward to another exciting term and continuing to support the children through their learning journey.

Out new topic this term is 'Light and Dark', the children will be learning about different sources of light, nocturnal animals, the difference between day and night. Please see the attached curriculum map for more information about what the children will be learning this term. Jess Edwards will continue to cover the class every Tuesday morning to deliver exciting Music and P.E. lessons this term.

Update: **P.E. will take place every Tuesday and Thursday.**

Reading

In Year 1, children will read at least twice a week in school: once with the class teacher during guided reading and once with a teaching assistant. Please continue to read with your child daily and record this in their reading journal. Even 10 minutes a day can have a big impact on their confidence, progress and love of reading. Our weekly Parent Reading Mornings will also continue, giving you the opportunity to read with your child at the start of the school day. This term it will be on every **Wednesday morning at 8.45am-9.00am.**

P.E

P.E lessons will take place every **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Our P.E. lesson on Thursday mornings will take place with a coach from Moving Matters. Please make sure that your child has the appropriate full P.E kit (including plimsolls or trainers) on both days.

Home Learning

The children will have home learning activities to complete these are: Family Maths Scrapbook, Spellings and Topic-based project.

Family Maths Scrapbook: The family learning maths challenge will continue please complete **one** activity each week and record you child's answers in the Family Maths Scrapbook. These challenges should be completed and returned to school every Wednesday.

Spellings: Every Friday, children will be given spellings to practise at home. These will be reviewed the following Friday through informal spelling challenges to help develop confidence with key spelling patterns.

Topic-based project: This terms project will be based on the theme of **'Light and Dark'**. This homework project gives the

children a chance to practise and perfect skills that they are learning in the classroom and to further explore their class topic independently. Please encourage and support your children when completing their project.

Year 1 – Topic-based project
Light and dark

This term our topic will be all about light and dark. We will be exploring different sources of light and making comparisons between day and night. I would like you to research one of the following questions below:

1. What animals like to live in light?
2. What animals like to live in darkness?
3. What do you see in the daytime sky?
4. What do you see in the sky at night?

Here are some ideas for different ways you could present your project:

- Make an animal fact file
- Create a collage of an animal
- Make a model of a source of light
- Paint a daytime scene or night-time scene

Remember, your project doesn't have to be written. Have fun, be creative and try your best!

Due date: Week beginning – Monday 14th December 2026

Dates for your diary

Monday 2nd November 2026 – Start of school term
Wednesday 11th November 2026 – School photos
Monday 23rd November 2026 – Flu vaccination catch up
Wednesday 2nd December 2026 – Year 1 Christmas Trip
Friday 4th December 2026 – Reay Winter Fair at 3.30pm-5.30pm
Thursday 10th December 2026 – Christmas Jumper and Lunch Day
Friday 18th December 2026 – Last day of term – School finishes at 1.15pm

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to me at drop-off or pick-up. Alternatively, you can contact the school office at admin@reay.lambeth.sch.uk and they will forward your message to me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Jade Edwards-Alvaranga and the Year 1 Team