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

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

I am Ms Edwards-Alvaranga and I am delighted to be your child's Year 1 teacher this year. I have heard many wonderful things about the class from Lucy Lee. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone and supporting the children throughout their journey in Year 1.

Supporting the class will be our teaching assistants, Shirley (Monday to Friday) and Rukshana (Monday to Wednesday). On Tuesday mornings, Jess Edwards will teach Music and Art/DT this term.

Our first topic is 'Celebrating Inspirational People', which has a Black History focus. The children will learn about inspirational figures, including Mary Seacole, and explore the important contributions they have made. Please see the attached curriculum topic squares for more information about this term's learning.

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 Friday morning at 8.45am-9.00am.

P.E

P.E lessons will take place every **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Our PE session 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. – Children must come to school wearing their school uniform and then get changed into their P.E kit.

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 term's project is based on **'Celebrating Inspirational People'**. It provides children with the opportunity to explore their class topic independently and practise skills developed in the classroom. Please encourage and support your child with their project.

Year 1 – Topic-based project
Celebrating Inspirational People

We will be exploring the lives of inspirational people and celebrating their achievements. I would like you to research a person who inspires you and present your findings. They could be a famous musician, an artist, a sports person or a scientist. It may even be someone you know! Why do they inspire you? What have they achieved?

Here are some ideas for your project:

- Draw or paint an inspirational person
- Create a poster of interesting facts that you have found out about the inspirational person
- Make a model of the inspirational person

Remember, your project doesn't have to just be written! Be creative and try your best!

Due date: Week beginning – Monday 19th October 2026

Dates for your diary
Wednesday 9th September 2026 – Year 1 Parents/Carers coffee morning at 8.50am
Friday 25th September 2026 – Phonics Parents/Carers workshop
Tuesday 13th October 2026 – Flu vaccination
Thursday 22nd October 2026 – Parents/Carers evening
Thursday 22nd October 2026 – Last Day of Term
Friday 23rd October 2026 – INSET Day – School closed

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.

We are looking forward to a lovely term!

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