



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn Term 1 (2025-2026)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello and welcome back to school! I hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday and are ready for a fun-filled term. I had the pleasure of teaching some of the children when they first started in Nursery at Reay and I had the opportunity to meet some of the children in Reception last year. Lucy Lee has told me lots of great things about this class too and I'm looking forward to teaching all the children in Year 1. I can't wait for the children to be involved in the fun and engaging activities planned for this year. This term our first topic is 'Celebrating Inspirational People', this topic has a Black History focus and we will be learning about inspirational figures such as Mary Seacole. Please see the attached curriculum map for more information about what the children will be learning this term.

I (Jade Edwards-Alvaranga) will be the main class teacher, the children will call me '**Ms Edwards-Alvaranga**', working alongside me in the classroom will be Rose Bugembe (Teaching assistant) who the children will call '**Mrs Bugembe**'. Jess Edwards will cover the class every Tuesday morning to deliver exciting Music lessons, Maths and Religious Education (RE) lessons.

Reading

In Year 1, children will continue to be heard reading at least twice a week; once with a teacher as part of their **guided reading session** and once with a teaching assistant. Please try to hear your child read daily and use their reading journals as a place to record their responses to the stories that they read to you or their thoughts on stories that you read to them. This can be a short 10-minute session, but it will make a huge impact on their progress in literacy. Also, don't forget to continue to read a bedtime story to your child as this is another great opportunity for them to develop their language skills and a love for stories and reading. We will also continue to have our weekly parent reading mornings where you can stay and read with your child for the first 15 minutes of the school day. **Parent reading morning will be every Tuesday at 8.45am.**



P.E

P.E lessons will take place every **Wednesday** afternoon (Indoor) and **Thursday** morning (Outdoor). Our PE session on Thursday mornings will take place outdoors 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.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. If your child is wearing earrings, please make sure that they are small studs only. Please check to make sure that **ALL** items of school uniform including PE kits, bags and coats are clearly labelled to minimise loss and make it easier to locate if they become misplaced. Don't forget to have a look in the Infant lost property box if anything does go missing.

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, the children will also be given a set of spellings that they need to learn at home for the week. We will have our informal spelling challenges in class on the following Friday. This will give the children the chance to learn and practise some of the key spelling patterns they need to be confident in by the time they leave Year 1.

Topic-based project: This terms project will be based on the theme of 'Celebrating Inspirational People'. 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 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 20th October 2025

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 9th September 2025 – Year 1 Parents/Carers coffee morning

Tuesday 14th October 2025 – Flu jabs

Thursday 23rd October 2025 – Parents/Careers evening

Thursday 23rd October 2025 – Last Day of Term 1

Friday 24th October 2025 – 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. The schools email address is admin@reay.lambeth.sch.uk they can forward any messages to me if you prefer to contact me via email.

We are looking forward to a lovely term!

Kind regards,
Jade Edwards-Alvaranga and Rose Bugembe