



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn Term 2 (2025-2026)

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. This term our new topic 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 Religious Education (R.E) 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 Wednesday 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.

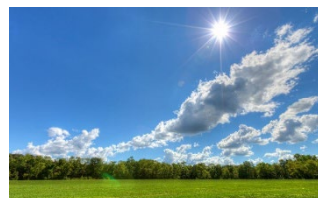
Spellings: Every Friday, the children will also be given a set of spellings that they need to learn at home for the week. We will have our informal spelling challenges in class on the following Friday. This will give the children the chance to learn and practise some of the key spelling patterns they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

Topic-based project: This term's project will be based on the theme of 'Light and Dark'. This homework project gives the children a chance to practise the 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 8th December 2025

Dates for your diary

Monday 3rd November 2025 – Start of school term

Friday 14th November 2025 – School photos

Monday 24th November 2025 – Flu vaccination catch up

Friday 5th December 2025 – Reay Winter Fair

Thursday 11th December 2025 – Christmas Jumper and Lunch Day

Friday 19th December 2025 – Last day of term



Kind regards,

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