



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to the start of a new term, I hope you all had a lovely break. Thank you so much for the generous Christmas cards and gifts. We are looking forward to an exciting new term ahead, filled with lots of learning, creativity and fun. This term our new topic is 'Our Local Area'. This topic will help the children understand the place where they live and learn, to identify and name places in our local environment, such as shops, parks and schools. To support this topic the children will go on short walks around the local area to visit local amenities, places of worship and to conduct traffic surveys. Please let me know if you are able to help. Please see the attached curriculum information sheet for further details about what the children will be learning this term. Jess Edwards will continue to cover the class every Tuesday morning to deliver exciting Music lessons.

P.E. this term will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Mr Heming (Year 4 Teacher) will cover the class every Tuesday morning to teach P.E.

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 **Thursday** at 8.45am.



Please make sure your child's reading journal is in their bag every day.

P.E

P.E lessons will take place every **Tuesday** morning (Indoor) and **Thursday** morning (Outdoor). Our PE lesson 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. Due to the weather being cold please ensure your child has suitable clothing to stay warm such as jogging bottoms and jumpers.

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 'Our Local Area'. 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 Our Local Area

This term our topic will be all about 'Our Local Area'. I would like you to investigate your local area, where you live. What do you notice about the area? What do you like or dislike about your area? How would you change your area?

Here are a few ideas of how you can present your project:

- Build a model of your local area – using boxes, recycling to represent buildings such as houses.
- Create a poster about the people in the local area such as shopkeepers or police.
- Draw or paint a local building such as a school, church or shop.
- Write about a favourite place in the local area.
- Design a map of your local area.



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

Due date: Week beginning - Monday 9th February 2026

Dates for your diary

Friday 13th February 2026– Year 1 Class Assembly at 2:45pm

Friday 13th February 2026 – Last day of term



Kind regards,

Jade Edwards-Alvaranga and the Year 1 Team