



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

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

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful and restful half-term break. We have an exciting term ahead, filled with lots of engaging learning opportunities for the children. Our new topic is '**Storytime**', and we are looking forward to exploring a range of fantastic texts and creative activities linked to this theme. Please see the attached curriculum topic squares for more detailed information about what Year 1 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 Monday 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.

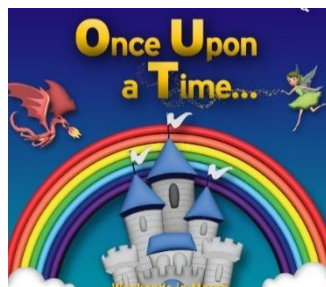
Spellings: Every Friday, the children will also be given a set of spellings that they need to learn at home for the week. We will have our informal spelling challenges in class on the following Friday. This will give the children the chance to learn and practise some of the key spelling patterns they 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 'Storytime'. 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 – Homework project Storytime

Our next topic will focus on exploring the many stories and traditional tales that you may have read or listened to since you were very young. As part of this topic, the children are invited to choose a favourite tale and create their own project inspired by it. Here are some ideas:

- Rewrite a story in your own words to create a new version
- Produce artwork based on key characters or events
- Research where a traditional tale comes from
- Make puppets to perform the story



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

Due date: Week beginning – Monday 23rd March 2026

Dates for your diary

Thursday 5th March 2026 – Iftar Community Event at 5:40pm
Friday 6th March 2026 – Reay World Book Day Celebrations
Monday 16th March 2026 – Visit to St John the Divine Church
Thursday 19th March 2026 – Parents/ Carers evening
Friday 27th March 2026 – Last day of term



Thank you for your continued support,
Jade Edwards-Alvaranga and the Year 1 team