



Year 1 Newsletter

Spring Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and warm welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. I am looking forwards to teaching the children this year and getting to know you all.

Topic

This half term our learning will be based around the question 'What is it like to live in London?' Children will be making comparisons between what it is like to live in a village compared to living in a city. They will also carry out simple fieldwork to find out about local physical and human features. Please see the attached knowledge organiser for further information about what they will be learning.



Next half term our project will be based on 'What happened in London in 1666?' In this topic, the children will explore artefacts and diary extract written by Smauel Pepys o help them to understand what happened during the Great Fire of London.

Our science work focuses on 'Amazing Animals' the children will be taught that animals are living things and that living things need to eat, grow, breathe, reproduce, move, react and get rid of waste. The children will also be categorising animals and understanding the carnivores, herbivores and omnivores eat.

For Design and Technology, the children will be making moving vehicles. If you have any spare boxes or junk modelling items at home, could you please bring them into school to help support out DT topic.

Things to Remember

Wherever possible, please can children bring one bag to school, preferably the green Sutton Bonington book bags. We have limited space within the class for rucksacks. The children need to **bring their reading diary and reading practice book with them each day**, a named water bottle and an additional healthy snack for afternoon break if you feel they need one. Fruit is provided by school for morning break.

P.E Days and Forest School

This term P.E will be taught by myself on Monday morning and Thursday afternoon. Children will need to come to school already wearing their PE kit on this day and will remain in their kit until home time.

Reading Books

Children will be bringing home a reading practice book linked to our phonics scheme and a reading record. Please record in their diary each time they have read the reading practice book (we suggest a minimum of three times a week) by noting the date, title and a brief comment. They will be changed once a week, usually on a Thursday. All children will be heard read at least twice a week as part of their phonics sessions.

On Friday your child should have also brought home a 'reading for pleasure' book that they have chosen from the library. These will be changed every Friday, so this only needs to be brought to school on this day.

Homework

Please see the grid that accompanies this newsletter regarding homework this half term.

Values

This term we will be focusing on showing PRIDE in the first half term and on demonstrating RESILIENCE in the second half term. We will cover this through assemblies, PSHE lessons and through everyday aspects of school life. Please ask your child how they have been able to show respect and kindness at school and at home.



If you have any questions or worries, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me in school.

Best wishes,

Ms Patel