

Year 1

We are Britain



Autumn 2026

Welcome back to school!

We hope you all had a lovely summer break and are excited to join Year 1.

Please read to see all the exciting learning opportunities coming up over the term.



The theme for this whole term is 'We are Britain'. We will be focusing on Britain and our local area.



PE will be on Wednesdays. This term the children will be focusing on *invasion games and dance* which involves the fundamental movement skills of agility, balance and co-ordination which are the key building blocks in a child's physical development. Please ensure your child's PE kit is clearly *labelled*.



Homework – Children receive a reading pack with this year's learn-its, a phonics sound mat and a reading book that are changed on a **Tuesday** and **Friday**.

Daily reading is encouraged as it will greatly help your child's learning in other curriculum areas. Please *sign your child's reading log* at least **twice** a week. Learn-its and spellings will be given out on Mondays and to be returned in their reading pack on Friday. The children will be tested on the spellings and learn-it challenge on Fridays. Numbots is an online programme to support maths and a log in with instructions will be sent out shortly.

Literacy – We will be reading and writing stories, and using drama and role play to develop themes and ideas. We will be focusing on sentence structure; 'Golden Sentence'. This includes capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, including using adjectives to make our writing more interesting. Children will practise writing lists, posters and instructions to develop their descriptive language. We will also have a big emphasis on handwriting and will be practising this every day. Our focus book will be 'The Enormous Turnip'.

Numeracy – We will be focusing on place value, number, counting, and calculation. Some examples of this involve being able to recognise and order numbers, knowing one more/one less than a given number, counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s as well as adding and subtracting and shape. We will continue to use the CLIC program which helps to strengthen mental maths skills.

Topic (History, Geography, Art) – As part of our topic 'We are Britain', we will be looking at our local area, Sydenham, and the places we enjoy the most, such as our school and church, and why they are important to us. This term we will learn about the four countries in the U.K, how to locate them on a map and the different traditions in each country.

Science – This term we will be learning about animals, including humans. We will be looking at the different animal groups and sorting the animals according to their characteristics. We will also be learning about the human body; this will include the 5 senses and learning the main parts of the human skeleton.

Religious Education – Our first topic is 'Why did Jesus tell stories?' We will look at different stories from the Bible such as 'The Lost Sheep' & 'The Good Samaritan' and what we have learnt from them ourselves. We will also look at the Nativity.

May God's love
shine in our lives
as we care and
share and learn
together!

Amen