Year 1 Class Newsletter
Autumn 2 Term 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a lovely start to the Autumn term and the children are settling well into their new classroom and year 1.

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English	This half term we continue to embed our phonic knowledge by consolidating and extending our knowledge of further ways to show all the sounds for reading and writing words. We will be continuing to extend and develop our written work looking at writing setting descriptions, instructions and stories with familiar settings. We will be reading the books The storm whale, The owl and the pussy cat and Aesop's fable, The boy who cried wolf. We will be developing our vocabulary and comprehension skills. When reading the phonetically decodable passages are working on fluency and confidence with the new sounds we are learning.
Maths	We will be using the Ark Maths as the core for our learning. We will begin autumn 2 by learning about shapes and pattern . We will be developing our number recognition and place value with numbers to 20. Then building on this understanding we will be using numbers to 20 in addition and subtraction problems. The children will be developing independence with their learning and working in pairs and groups to discuss our ideas.
Science	Our science this half term will be learning about animals including humans. We will identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will learn about, identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Looking at ourselves we will identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.
History	History will be focusing on Changes within living memory Starting with 'How have I grown and changed in my life?' Then we will be exploring 'What is it like around here?' and 'What are the shops in my community like?' We will be going on a local walk to look at the features of Northborough and visit the local shop. We will then ask 'How have shops changed? And 'How are shops different today than a long time ago?' As we look back we will find out how different shops and shopping experiences were when their grandparents were young.
Computing	In computing we will be exploring digital design learning to change the colour and pattern of elements. Position and rotate objects. Position objects in relation to each other and position 3D objects and change their colour.
PE	We will be extending our learning around the fundamental skills of balancing, running, changing direction , jumping, hopping, skipping. They will explore these skills in isolation as well as in combinations. They will also be working on ball skills with YDP.

DT	We will be designing and making a healthy portable party snack. Exploing fruit by examining the taste texture and colour and designing a snack we can make for a christmas celebration.
RE/PSHE	During RE we will be continuing to learn about the people around us how we are similar and different. We will be exploring Why do Christians perform Nativity plays? Learnign about Advent and the Christmas story. We will be exploring family and friends in PSHE and asking what makes a good friend and looking at healthy friendships and how we can be a good friend.

Special Events this Term

To support our History learning we will be going on a local walk around Northborough, identifying different features and the shop in the village.

Home Learning:

Please read with your child every night. Ideally we would like your child to read at home at least 5x a week. Please date and note every time your child reads to you read in their reading diary. Phonically decodable books will be given out on a Friday and should be read several times to build fluency and understanding. The children will also bring home a library book to enjoy with you over the week.

A new set of Home learning will be sent home with a choice of half termly activities.

Our Class bear 'Bobby' has enjoyed his weekends so far and he will continue to be sent home with learner each Friday, for the weekend. He comes with a suitcase and a page for his diary for the children to record what they do together over the weekend. When your child brings him home please support them to draw and write some sentences (nothing special needs to be laid on!!). Remember to return Bobby on Monday.
Also the class has been given 2 reading for pleasure scrap books. These come home with 2 chosen children each week to review a book they enjoy and want to share with the class.

Equipment needed in Year 1:

- Come to school in PE kit on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.
- Please bring reading books and library books with reading records on Fridays for changing. • **Labelled** water bottles.
- **Named** outdoor shoes (Wellies or trainers) can be left on the class trolley so that children can play on the field and visit the orchard. These are becoming more necessary this half term.
- Waterproof and warm coats as we go out to play even when it is a little damp and drizzly.Please clearly label **all** clothing so it can be returned promptly if misplaced.

Keeping connected

Please feel free to catch me in the morning or after school for brief messages. For other communications please email via the office.

Many thanks,
Mrs Weightman and Mrs Henson.