

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 1 2026

How has Family Life Changed?

A very warm welcome to Year 1! We hope you have had a lovely six weeks off school and have enjoyed the sunshine when it appeared. We are extremely happy to welcome all the children back into school for another fabulous year of learning.

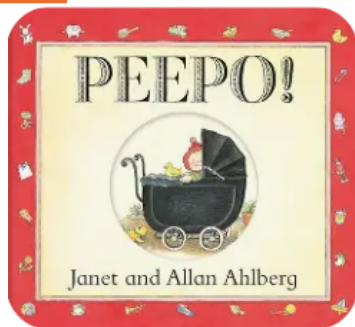
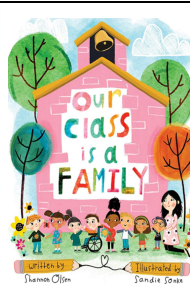
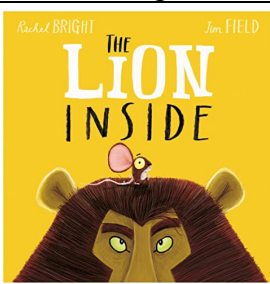
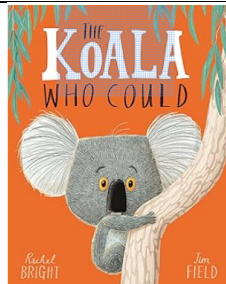
Owl Class – Your child's teacher is **Mrs Easdon and Mrs Padley**.

Squirrel Class – Your child's teacher is **Mrs Reeves**.

Your child will also be supported by **Mrs Lees, Mrs Watson, Mrs Hassan, Mrs Ahmed and Mrs Begum**.



Our Learning Question this half term is **How has Family Life Changed?**



In English we are learning how to compose sentences orally and we will be focusing on writing captions and labels independently using our phonics knowledge. We will be looking at lots of different texts over the term. We will be focusing on the author **Rachel Bright** and sharing lots of stories written by her in school. We will also be exploring text linked to our learning in history and our wellbeing topics.

All children will be involved in a daily phonics lessons, where we will learn new ways of reading and writing sounds, and how to read and spell new tricky words. All children will receive phonic homework every week.

We will also be continuing to learn correct letter formation through our daily handwriting lessons.

Reading, we will be doing group reading sessions with your child. Your child will bring home two books a week. A book they have learnt to read well in school and they will also bring home an individual book to read. This book will not be read in school so please share it with your child at home and sign your child's reading record to let us know you have done this. **Your child needs to bring their reading book to school every day.** You can also support your child by reading other stories and books to them. Listening to stories helps your child's reading and language development, as well as their understanding of the world. A bedtime story is a great way to fit this in, and a lovely end to the day.

In mathematics, we will be building on learning from Reception by mastering the place value of numbers to 10. We will be looking at the different ways we can represent numbers and begin to build on our recognition of numbers as words. We will also solve problems using numbers to 10 practically adding and subtracting quantities and remembering number bonds to 10.



In History, we will be comparing life now to life in the past by looking at how people lived. We will explore how they spent their free time, the clothes they wore, the technology they used, the toys they played with and how homes have changed over time. We will also be building on our knowledge of life in the past by going on a school trip to Portland Basin

Museum and reading the story 'Peepo' to enhance our understanding.

In Science, the children will learn all about the human body. They will label key parts of the human body and explore the five senses: sight, sound, taste, touch and smell. They will continue their scientific learning by investigating different types of materials and will explore materials of toys, and objects from around the classroom and home and look at the different material properties.



In Computing, the children will be introduced to Purple Mash. They will create their own avatar and learn how to log in using their very own password, save work they complete and log out. They will then develop their skills by using the paint tool to create a picture and a jigsaw that they can complete together.

In Music, our focus this half term is how people listened to music in the past. We will explore our own listening skills by listening to music from different eras. We will also be learning about music linked to the season of Autumn to build on our understanding of the changing seasons.

RE – The children will explore what it means to belong, they will explore how they belong to the school community, the local community and will explore why it is important to believe.

Wellbeing – The children will explore different feelings and how to manage their feelings. We will explore books such as The Colour Monster, Ravi's roar, Milo's Monster and other books by the author Tom Percival.

DT – This term in DT, the children will explore making their very own pizza; this will link in with their science learning around senses. They will choose their own base and toppings and learn where different foods come from.

Home learning – Home learning will be sent out every **Friday** and will need to be returned on **Monday**. Reading books will be changed every **Friday**

In PE our focus will be around multi sports. We will build on our understanding of working together as a team, and build on key skills such as throwing and catching.

PE Kit is black or blue leggings/joggers, white tee shirt, school jumper and trainers. Children need to come to school in their kit on their PE day.

PE days are **Thursday** and **Friday**.

Forest School

Our Forest School day with Mrs Nuttall is on **Tuesday**. Please make sure your child has a pair of wellies in school for Forest School.

In Year 1 all children will continue to have learning experiences that involve play and exploration. This means they will be involved in messy activities and spend lots of time learning outside. We will be playing outside whatever the weather, so as we move into Autumn **please make sure that your child comes to school in a warm and waterproof coat**.

Key dates to look out for:

Thursday 1st October – The children will be visiting Portland Basin Museum to link in with our history topic. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like to volunteer.

General Reminders:

- Please ensure your child's coat and jumper/cardigan are **labelled** with their name. If these items of clothing get lost, it makes it much easier to get them back to the right owner.
- **On PE days, please remove earrings.**
- Children should bring water in a plastic reusable bottle, labelled with their name. This will go home to be washed each evening

We are really looking forward to working with you, your child and your family this year. If you have any worries or questions, then please do talk to us at drop off and picking up times.

The Year 1 Team

