



Welcome to Year 1 with Miss Jeffreys and Miss Booth January- February 2026

Welcome back, and Happy New Year to Year 1! We hope you and your families had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to the term ahead. We have been delighted with the progress the children have made so far this year and are excited to settle into a new term together.

Our topic this term is **Space** . The children will be immersed in this exciting topic as they learn all about the moon landings and significant people linked to space exploration.

English

This half term, the children will be learning the story ***The Tiger Who Came to Tea***. We will have lots of fun getting to know the characters through drama and role play and we will enjoy inventing our own exciting versions of the story. Children will come up with their own surprise and mysterious visitors in their storytelling; we can't wait to hear their wonderful ideas!

Maths

This term in maths, the children will develop their understanding of numbers up to 50. We will also continue to build addition and subtraction skills using numbers up to 20, supported by pictorial representations and practical resources to help develop confidence and independence.

General notices

Please look out for key messages about news and events by checking Class Dojo regularly. Please 'like' our posts so that we can see you have read them.

Reading books

All of the children will have a reading book or a reading sheet, and this will be changed on a weekly basis. Your child's book will be collected every **Thursday**, and a new book will be provided on a **Friday**. Please make sure your child brings in their reading book to school every day as the children will be read with in class.

Please read with your child at least three times a week and sign your child's planner.

PE

PE clothes should be worn on PE days only. Please ensure your child wears a plain black top or hoody and some black bottoms or shorts. Trainers can be worn ONLY on PE days. It is important to wear the correct clothing so that your child receives 3 star stamps in their planner each week.

Ellie Simmonds Class (Miss Jeffreys): PE days are on Monday and **Thursday**
Sir David Attenborough Class (Miss Booth): PE days are on Tuesday and **Thursday**

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch at pick up time.

Many thanks,
The Year 1 Team

Important Days

- Monday 5th January 2026 – School opens to the pupils
- Friday February 13th 2026 – School closes to the pupils.
- Monday 23rd February 2026 – School reopens to the pupils.

Any other events will be communicated via Class Dojo. Please check this regularly for any news and events.

You can help by:

- Reading with your child **everyday**
Listening to your child read and sharing stories with them is so important. Please ask questions about the book to check your child's understanding. The books taken home by the children are of a high quality so it's important to make the best use of them as they have been carefully matched to the reading level
- Practising new phonics sounds (access to QR codes given)
- Practising counting up to 100 in steps of 2, 5 and 10
- Forming numbers and letters correctly