

Welcome to Year 1 with Miss Jeffreys and Miss Booth

January- February 2026



Welcome back year 1!

The children have settled in wonderfully to the new half term and have been working extremely hard. Thank you for all the support you continue to provide at home - every little bit of extra help makes a real difference to their progress and confidence in learning.

Our topic this term is the Great Fire of London 🔥. The children will explore how the fire began, how it spread so rapidly, and the effect it had on the city and its people. Alongside this, the children will be learning a losing tale inspired by Nobot the Robot, using it as a focus for their writing this term.

English

This half term, the children will be learning the story Nobot the Robot. We will have lots of fun exploring the characters through drama and role play, bringing the story to life in the classroom. The children will also enjoy creating their own imaginative versions of the tale, inventing exciting and unusual characters to include in their storytelling. We are really looking forward to hearing all of their creative ideas!

Maths

This term in maths, the children will continue to develop their understanding of numbers up to 50, while further strengthening their addition and subtraction skills. They will also explore measures, including length, height, mass and volume, building confidence in using and comparing different quantities.

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 23rd February – Return to school after half term.
- Wednesday 11th March – Training Day – School closed to pupils.
- Thursday 2nd April 2026 – Start of the Easter Holidays.
- Monday 20th April 2026 - Start of Summer 1 term.

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