



# Y1 News

## Autumn 1 2025-26



Welcome back after the summer holidays. I hope you all had a wonderful break. We are really looking forward to starting the new year with our new classes. We have a very busy and exciting term ahead.

### Maths



In Year 1 we use the White Rose Mastery approach to teaching Maths. Children will spend longer on each topic, called a small steps approach with the aim of mastering the learning and then moving on to using and applying the maths in problems. During the first half term we will be working on place value and addition and subtraction facts to 10. In the afternoons we will continue to do Mastering Number to build understanding of those key number facts.

### Literacy

This term some of our Literacy will be based around the book 'Bog Baby' by Jeannie Wills. This book links with our science topic about how animals are classified.



We will also be developing our language and communication skills using talk for writing and Readers Theatre. We will continue to develop fine motor skills and our handwriting using Penpals. We will also continue using our phonics scheme called 'Sounds Write' as we prepare the children for their phonics screening check in June 2026.



### Reading

Children will bring home their new reading books later this week. We recommend children read at home to an adult for 10 minutes per day. Please write a comment in their reading record so each read can be counted towards our reading challenge. Prizes and certificates are given out for 40 reads. We have a reading challenge display on the classroom wall which shows how children are getting on with their challenge. We will post on Class Dojo about how well the class is doing in reaching 40 reads.

### Class Webpages

You can find out more useful information on our class page on the new look school website.



### PE

We are starting a new PE scheme of learning called Complete PE. This term for PE we will be doing Team Building in Games on a Monday and a coach from the Erewash School Sports Partnership will be doing gymnastics with us on a Friday. Children need to come to school in suitable PE kit on these two days.

### Topic

Our topic this term is 'Why do we have castles?' Children will learn about why we have castles all across the United Kingdom.

### Science

In science we will be asking 'How are Animals classified?' Children will learn about a variety of animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Children will explore classification by learning about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

### Class Dojo

Thank you for signing up to Class Dojo. We will update you regularly with news, photos and useful information.

