Y1 News
Autumn 2 2026

Welcome back after the half term holiday. Hopefully you've all had a wonderful break. We are looking forward to another exciting term in Year 1, filled with lots of engaging activities as we head towards Christmas.

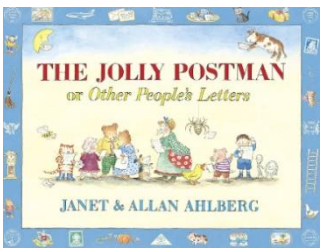
Maths



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. Children will be learning Addition and Subtraction within 10 before moving on to Place Value within 20. Mastering Number will continue to be taught in the afternoons.

English

This term some of our English will be based around the book 'The Jolly Postman' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg.



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 continue to use 'Sounds Write' as we prepare the children for their phonics screening check in June 2027.

Reading

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 the reading challenge total. 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.

Website and Dojo

You can find out more useful information on our class page on the school website. Including our curriculum plan for the term and homework challenges. Thank you for signing up to Class Dojo. We will update you regularly with news, photos and useful information.

PE

This term for PE we will be doing Drumba and catching and throwing in our Ball Skills topic. Children need to come to school in suitable PE kit on Monday and Friday for Mrs Mabbott and Mr Johnson. Please ensure PE kit has names written in.

Topic

Our topic this term is What do I know about the UK and where I live? Children will learn about our local area as well as the four UK countries, surrounding seas, capital cities as well as towns and cities around Long Eaton.

Science

In science we will be asking *'How do seasons change?'* Children will learn about the changes that take place as we move through Autumn and Winter. We will be having a walk along the canal on Monday 9th November to look at the changes around us.

Diary Dates

Mon 9th Nov – Autumn Canal Walk
Thurs 12th Nov – School Photo Day
Fri 13th Nov – Children in Need
WB 16th Nov – Anti-Bullying Week
Tues 24th/Thurs 26th Nov – Parent's Evenings
Tues 1st Dec – Christmas Experience at St John's Church
Tues 8th Dec – Christmas Crafts – 9.15-10.00 or 2.30-3.15
Fri 11th Dec – Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day
Fri 18th Dec – end of term