

# Welcome to KS1



Welcome back to school! We hope everyone had a relaxing holiday and is ready for an exciting term ahead. Here's what's happening in Key Stage One this term!

## Meet the Team

Mrs Brand- KS1 Team Leader & Y2 Teacher

Mrs Davage - Y2 Teacher & KS1 SENDCO

Mrs Baxter - Y2 Teacher

Mrs Richardson - Y2 Teacher

Mrs Thompson - Y1 Teacher

Mrs Weegram - Y1 Teacher

Miss Williams - Y1 Teacher

KS1 TAs : Miss Farrell, Mrs Ellis, Mrs McColgan, Mrs Hall,  
Mrs Eglinton & Mrs Hammond

We want every child to enjoy coming to school and feel ready to learn each day. Here's how you can help:



Plenty of sleep

A healthy breakfast and water

Encouraging independence and curiosity

Supporting them to join in, ask questions, and take risks in their learning

## Learning Platforms

Your child will soon be bringing home login details for several learning platforms: Seesaw, MyMaths, EdShed, Epic and Numbots.

EdShed  epic! Seesaw



Some of these platforms are used to support home learning, while others are mainly for use during the school day.

Seesaw is a fantastic way for you to follow your child's learning journey. Please note that any activities shared on Seesaw are for use during school hours only and are not intended as home learning.

### Autumn Diary Dates:

**23.9.25 & 24.9.25** - Y2 Great Fire Of London workshops

**20.10.25** - KS1 Halloween Disco 4:30-5:30pm

**29.11.25** - PTA Christmas Fayre 3:30-6:30pm

**1.12.25** - Christmas Jumper Day

**2.12.25** - Reindeer Run

**11.12.25** - Y2 Christmas Performance 5pm

**12.12.25** - Y2 Christmas Performance 9:30am

**17.12.25** - Y1 Pantomime @ Billingham Forum

**19.12.25** - Crazy Christmas dress up day



## Reading

Reading is a key part of your child's learning in KS1 and we are keen to support good reading habits both in school and at home.

### What do we expect?

We ask that children read at least 3 times a week with an adult at home. This can include school reading books or any books your child enjoys. Each time, please sign or write a short comment in your child's reading record. These will be checked by teachers every Friday.

If your child is enjoying a book from home, please do feel free to include this in their reading record too! All reading counts and helps to build confidence and enjoyment.

### Sharing a story - Books for Bedtime

Your child will also bring home a 'book for bedtime' which is a picture book for you to enjoy together to promote a love of reading and sharing a story.



## P.E



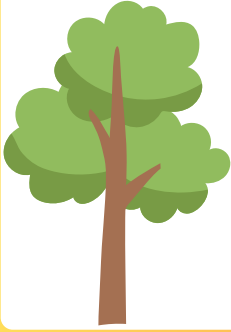
Children will take part in PE lessons twice a week. You will be updated half-termly with the specific days so your child can come to school in their PE kit on the correct days.

In addition to PE, children also enjoy regular opportunities to be active throughout the week, including the Daily Mile, active challenges, and movement breaks that support both physical health and learning.

# Forest School

All children in KS1 will take part in regular Forest School sessions this year, enjoying hands-on learning in our on-site Forest School!

**Den building, bug hunting, mud kitchen creations, nature crafts and campfire cooking!**



You'll receive a message on Marvellous Me from your child's class teacher with the dates and all the information about what your child will need to wear and bring for their sessions.

# Autumn Curriculum Highlights

This term, Year 1 and 2 will be exploring a range of exciting topics and activities, including:

- Discovering the wonders of the seasons as they change
- Investigating everyday materials.
- Creating our own amazing digital artwork.
- Travelling back in time to explore childhood and toys from the past.
- Becoming map-makers while exploring our school environment.
- Creating colourful masterpieces inspired by Kandinsky.
- Designing moving pictures with sliders and levers.
- Learning about growing, changing and making friendships.
- Investigating forces and discovering how things move.
- Exploring the world of living things and their habitats.
- Creating and editing digital photographs.
- Travelling back in time to learn about the Great Fire of London and Guy Fawkes' Gunpowder Plot.
- Explore the countries, continents and oceans of the world.
- Producing sparks and flames artwork inspired by Rita Greer.
- Designing, building and testing models with wheels and axles.
- Learning to understand our emotions and how to manage them.



## HOME LEARNING

### Key Stage One

Home learning will be set each Friday and is due in the following Thursday.

#### READING

- Read aloud x3 per week at home with an adult.
- Please comment in your child's Reading Record each time they read.



#### MATHS

- Log into My Maths and find your task for the week.
- Y2 should complete the activity on MyMaths. Y1 should follow the link to the activity suggested.
- This will support what your child has been learning in school.
- There are support videos if you need them.



#### SPELLING (Y2 ONLY)

- Learn your spellings for a weekly test each Friday.
- You can practise these on Spelling Shed or on the sheet in your child's reading packet. Lists can be found in your child's spelling book.



#### OTHER

Don't forget that you can also access:

- Maths Shed
- Phonics Play/Spelling Play
- NumBots
- Top Marks



## Recommended Reads!

This term, Y1 will be enjoying stories with a pattern such as 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' and 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. They will also be enjoying Autumn Poetry!



This term, Y2 will be enjoying picture books about Dragons! They will also explore non-fiction texts, focusing on mini-beasts.



# THANK YOU!

We really appreciate your continued support as we work together to make this a wonderful year for your child. Remember, we have an open door policy - please feel free to contact your child's class teacher or the team leader anytime if you have questions, concerns, or simply want to find out more.

## Y1 Phonics Screening Check

The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check will take place during the week beginning Monday 8th June 2026, and it is essential that all children are in school during this time. The check is a short, one-to-one activity with the teacher, and parents will receive feedback on their child's progress at the end of the academic year.