Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn 1 2025

Dear Parent/Carers,
Welcome back and welcome to Year 1. We are so excited to start your Year 1 journey with you! During our first term we will be doing lots of learning that centres around the theme of '**Who am I and Who am I becoming?**'

Attendance
Target: 97.5%
It is important that your child's attendance stays above 97% so that they are not at risk of falling behind.

As readers and writers:

We will be writing our own narrative based on the story '**Beegu**' by Alexis Deacon.

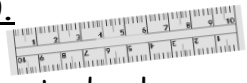
We will teach one grammar specific lesson a week. This includes spellings that includes the sounds that we have learnt in phonics and some trickier words. These will be sent home alongside your child's weekly homework. For the rest of the week, we will focus on different plot points from the stories.

We will be learning to develop creative responses to the text through drama and storytelling. By the end of each unit, the children will produce an independent piece of writing inspired by characters from the book.

We will have daily phonics lessons to support children's reading. This half term we will be recapping some of the trickier phase 3 and phase 4 sounds.

As mathematicians we are learning to : + =

Place value within 10 and 20.



We will be learning about place value and continuing to develop our understanding of counting to 10 and up to 20. They will compare groups and numbers using <, > and = symbols. The children will also order groups and numbers.

Addition and Subtraction within 10.
We will be developing our number and fluency skills in addition and subtraction of numbers within 10.
They will deepen their understanding through the use of part-part whole models, bar models and number lines.

Shapes
We will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We will be understanding the differences and how to identify each shape.

As scientists we are:
Learning about the Human body. We will learn to identify different parts of the body and understand which parts of the body we use for different activities. We will learn about and be able to identify the 5 senses.

As theologians we will:
Be learning about Christianity. We will be focusing on why Christianity is important to Christians and understanding all our differences.

As budding techies we will:
Be using code.org to create actions for events. We will learn that the actions that we code can create a specific event.

As athletes we will:
Be building on our fitness and learning how to control objects.

As good citizens we will:
-Know what feelings are
-Recognise what makes us feel happy and sad
-Know what secrets are and to identify what is a good and a bad secret.

As musicians we will:
Continue to enjoy our Musical Bumps sessions where we are learning all about beat, rhythm and pitch.

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As linguists we will:
Be learning about Chinese culture and a typical day in the life of a child in China.

As Historians we will:
Explore chronology through exploration of personal timeline. Begin to recognise the concept of before and after and newer and older.

As Geologists we will:
Carry out a study of our local area. We will then compare some human and physical features with our Oasis link country, South Africa. The children will also locate cities and countries on maps and gain some knowledge of the continents of the World including locating the UK and Oasis Global area.

As artists and designers, we will:
Explore and use a range of media and materials to create self-portraits.
Understand how to build and design a range of objects selecting suitable materials.
Visiting Pizza Express as part of their learning about healthy eating and sustainability. This will include a hands-on pizza-making session, giving pupils the opportunity to understand where their food comes from and to taste their freshly prepared creations.

Notices and reminders

- PE is on **MONDAY** (Starling), **TUESDAY** (Sparrow) and **THURSDAY** (both classes) every week. Please ensure your child comes to school **wearing their PE kit** on the relevant day.
- The homework for this term will be in Homework books. This is to be completed weekly and where relevant recorded in books or uploaded to Showbie.
- Homework will be given out every Friday and needs to be handed in by the following **Wednesday** at the latest.
- Please read with your child every day and initial your child's comments.
- Every time you read with your child, please record this in their reading record.
- Soft starts Monday – Thursday. Your child will be able to come into class from 8:40am to complete some quiet activities.

We look forward to the year ahead!

Year 1 Team

Sparrow
Class Teachers: Mrs Saftoiu

Starling
Class Teacher: Mrs Kalaydzhieva

Year 1 Teaching Assistant: Mrs Turner
Key Stage 1 Phase Leader: Miss Turner
Year 1 Support: Mrs Oram