Year 1 Newsletter – Spring 1 2026

Dear Parent/Carers,
This half term we will be learning through the theme of 'Heritage and Culture'. This topic allows our children to think critically about the world around them and beyond.

Attendance

Sparrow: 92% Starling: 94.4%

Target: 97.5%

As readers and writers:

This half term's books are based on the amazing topic of 'Kings and Queens'. This is an extension from our History and Geography topics, and we will be using the books, '*George the Dragon*' and '*The Queen's Hat*' in our focused writing lessons.

The teaching of reading is continued by daily phonics lessons and guided reading. The children develop at their own level and are encouraged with engaging stories.

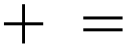
Spellings will be sent home weekly and are linked to the 100 High Frequency Words and phonics sounds that we have been learning.

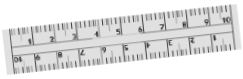
As scientists:

We will be learning all about space and the different planets within the solar system.

We will use a timeline to learn about the major events in space history and find out how Earth moves.

As Mathematicians we will be learning about:





Numbers within 50

- To count forwards and backwards from zero to 50
- To group ten objects and count on from ten
- To recognise a 'ten' and 'ones' in teen numbers moving on to numbers with more 'tens'
- To compare and order numbers to 50
- To create patterns with numbers within 50

Adding and subtracting within 20.

- Counting on to add small amounts
- Counting back to subtract small amounts
- Using number bonds/known facts to add
- Using number bonds/known facts to subtract
- Using the 'Make ten' strategy to add
- Using the 'Make ten' strategy to subtract
- Applying strategies and experimenting with modelling

As theologians…

We will be exploring what happens during worship at a church and a synagogue.

We will gain a better understanding that religious beliefs can be expressed in different forms of art and literature.

As musicians:

We will continue to enjoy our Musical Bumps sessions where we are learning all about beat, rhythm and pitch.

As historians:

We will be learning about Kings, Queens and Leaders. We will gain a better understand about who has power and influence in our ruling.

As budding techies…

We will be learning how to code and use the internet safely.

As artists and designers:

We will be using a range of materials to sculptures.

This half term we will be creating a 3D design using a CAD programme.

As athletes:

We will be improving our dynamic balance and coordination skills as well as working with our classmates to develop our hand-eye skills when passing and receiving balls.

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As good citizens…

We will be learning about how to make the right choice and how to keep environments safe and choose the safest option.

Notices and reminders

- PE is on **MONDAY and THURSDAY** every week for Starling and **TUESDAY and THURSDAY** for Sparrow. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on the relevant days.
- The homework for this half term will be in Homework books. This is to be completed weekly and where relevant recorded in books or on 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 add your comments in your child's reading record.
- Please bring in your child's reading book when it needs to be changed. We suggest at least once a week.

Thank you for your support!

Year 1 Team

Sparrow
Class Teacher: Mrs Saftoiu

Starling
Class Teacher: Mrs Kalaydzhieva

Year 1 Teaching Assistant: Mrs Turner
Extra Support: Mrs Oram