Year 1 Newsletter – Spring 2 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,
This half term we will be learning through the theme of 'Building a Sustainable World'. Children will begin to understand the impact that they have on our world and how to ensure they look after it for future generations.

Attendance

Sparrow: 93.4% Starling: 97.9%

Target: 97.5%

As readers and writers:

This half term we are reading the book '*The Storm Whale*' by Benji Davies. This amazing book will expose the children to new vocabulary and different forms of writing.

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

Spellings will be sent home with weekly homework and are linked to the sounds that your children are learning in phonics as well as common exception words.

As scientists …

We will be learning all about 'Everyday Materials'. We are going to develop our curiosity about the world around us. We will be learning about the materials that we see in everyday life and the difference between the object itself and what it is made of.

As Mathematicians we will be learning about:

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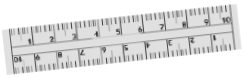

Number: Place value within 50

- Children count forwards and backwards within 50. Children build on previous learning of numbers to 20.
- They learn about grouping in 10s and their understanding of 1 ten being equal to 10 ones is reinforced.

Measurement: Length and height

- Children use and understand the language of length such as long, longer, short, shorter, tall, taller. They recognise this language will change depending on what type of length they are describing and comparing.
- Children understand that height is a type of length. They should also be exposed to lengths that are equal.

Measurement: Mass and Volume

- Children are introduced to weight and mass for the first time. They may already have some understanding of heavy and light from their own experience of carrying objects.
- Children should begin by holding objects and describing them using vocabulary such as heavy, light, heavier than, lighter than before using the scales to check.

As theologians…

In RE this half term, we will be exploring why "sorry" is such an important word and how Christian and Jewish people say sorry to God. The children will learn that saying sorry in faith is about changing behaviour, not just words.

As musicians…

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

As historians and geologists…

We will be learning about fashion through the decades with a link to the *Fashion Revolution Charity* and its work on improving working conditions and sustainable production of clothing.

As artists and designers…

We will be exploring collage making, working on different scales and creating images with different media.

As budding techies…

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

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As good citizens…

We will be learning about how people and other living things have different needs and about the responsibilities of caring for them. We will be discussing where money comes from as well as learning about the environment and how we can help it.

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.

As linguists…

We will be continuing to learn Mandarin, looking at numbers to 10, days of the week and colours.

Notices and reminders

- PE is on MONDAY AND THURSDAY every week for Starling and TUESDAY AND THURSDAY for Sparrow. Please ensure your child is 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. Feel free to upload any photos of your child's homework to Showbie.
- Homework will be given out every Friday and needs to be handed in by the following Wednesday.
- Please read with your child every day and write your comments in your child's reading record.
- Please remind your child that if they need to change their book then they must get it out of their book bags and put it into the relevant box.

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