# Year 1 Newsletter – Summer 1 2026

Dear Parent/Carers,
Welcome back and welcome to the Sumer term! During Summer 1, we will be exploring the topic '*Building an Inclusive World*'.

**Attendance**

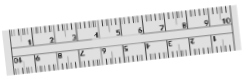
Sparrow: 95.1%  Starling: 96.1%

**Target: 97.5%**

**As readers and writers:**

We will produce an independent narrative. This narrative will involve two or more characters that meet for the first time and explore how the new relationship and dynamic unravels. This is inspired by the book '*On Sudden Hill*' by Linda Sarah which focusses on two best friends and their relationship. Next, we're stepping into the world of '*Jim and the Beanstalk*!' We'll challenge ourselves to describe the giant in vivid detail—his towering presence, booming voice, and surprising personality. Then, we'll put our creativity to the test by writing a clear set of instructions. Let's get inspired!
The teaching of reading is continued by daily phonics lessons and other reading opportunities. The children develop at their own level and are encouraged with engaging stories.

**As mathematicians we are learning to :** + =



- Count in 2s
- Count in 5s
- Count in 10s
- Understand the concept of multiplication.
- Find a quarter
- Find a half
- Describe turns and directions

We will explore finding a half for the first time using shapes and sets of objects. We will use the vocabulary 'half' and 'whole'.

**As scientists:**

We are earning about the different parts of a plant and what they need to thrive and survive.

**As theologians…**

We will be learning about what it means to belong to a faith community and how people show they belong to different groups or communities, including religious ones.

**As musicians…**

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

**As budding techies…**

We will learn what communication and technology means and how we can use this safely. We will also continue to develop our coding skills and knowledge.

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**As historians:**

We will be focusing on the core concept of historical investigation. Children will study moments and movements that have changed the world.

**As athletes:**

We will be focusing on fitness and healthy lifestyles. We will be thinking about who we are and who we want to become with specific regard to our health and fitness.

**As good citizens…**

We will be looking at our families and the people closest to us and how they care for us.

**As artists and designers:**

We will be print making to create images and exploring how to press, roll, rub and stamp to make prints.

## Notices and reminders

- PE is on MONDAY (Starling), TUESDAY (Sparrow) and THURSDAY (both classes) every week. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school on the relevant days.
- The homework for this term will mostly be in homework books. This is to be completed weekly and where relevant recorded in books. If you would like to, you can upload your homework 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 record your comments in your child's reading record.
- Please remind your child to put their reading book into the correct box when it needs to be changed.

Thank you for your support!

## Year 1 Team

**Sparrow**
Class Teacher: Mrs Saftoiu

**Starling**
Class Teacher: Mrs Kalaydhzieva

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