

Year 1

Autumn Term 2

Welcome to Term 2!

Our theme this term is "Wildwood: How does it grow?"

This term, Year 1 are stepping into the enchanting world of *Wildwood*! Through stories, nature walks, and creative exploration, we'll be learning all about woodland habitats and the animals and plants that live there. We're also taking inspiration from the artist Andy Goldsworthy, who creates stunning art using natural materials. The children will be using leaves, twigs, stones, and more to make their own woodland masterpieces. It's a magical way to blend art, science, and storytelling—right in the heart of the wild!



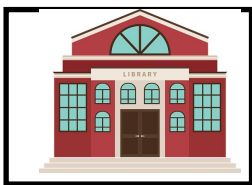
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Exciting events

We have a lot of events to look forward to this term, including Science week, Anti-Bullying week and Children in Need day. Please do look at the bottom of Miers Court Matters for a list of dates for the term.

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Library



Year 1 visit the school library every Thursday. Please remember to send your child into school with their library book every Thursday so that they can return it and take out a new book.

Maths

Please remember that we are using Numbots in Year 1. The children really enjoyed exploring this in class.

Please take the time to enjoy the App with your child. In class we shall be starting addition and subtraction and learning our number bonds to 10.



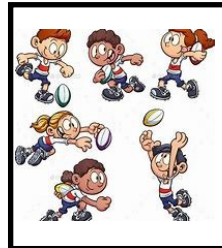
Hats, gloves and scarves

With temperatures due to get colder from now on, we are aware that most of you would like to provide your child with a scarf, hat and gloves to keep them warm during playtimes. As with all other items of uniform, it is vital these items are clearly named. Clothing which is unnamed will be put into lost property if it is unclaimed.



PE

PE will continue to be on a **Tuesday** and a **Thursday**. Your child will need to come to school in a PE t-shirt, shorts, trainers, jogging bottoms, and a jumper. Please name the jumpers as they can tend to get mixed up! No jewellery is permitted and we cannot remove any earrings so **please ensure** you do this on these days.



Also, please do put your child's name in their school jumpers. We had a number of jumpers go missing or get mixed up in term 1.

Reading

In Year 1 we encourage the children to read their school book or other books **every day**. They may read the whole book or as many pages as they can comfortably manage. Please sign/ initial the **yellow reading record** to show your child has read and indicate the page number they have got to, or write 'end' if they have finished the whole book. Please send your book in every day, whether your child has read or not. Our focus, in year 1, is decoding books phonetically. This means that your child will be bringing home books that allow them to apply the phonemes that we have been teaching in school. The expectation is that the children will practising applying these phonemes daily to build fluency and confidence.



Books are changed once on a Friday, in line with the guidance from our Phonics Scheme.

Here are some questions to ask your child when they read, to help develop their comprehension.

- What does this... word/phrase/sentence... tell you about... character?
- Where/when does the story take place?
- What do you think will happen next? Why?

English

This term, our Year 1 children are diving into some brilliant books as part of their *Curious Quest* in English. They've been exploring *Leaf Man*, *Leaf Thief*, *Sun Thief*, and *Wild*— stories full of nature, mystery, and adventure! Through these books, the children are asking big questions, sharing ideas, and using their imaginations to bring the stories to life. Whether it's spotting sneaky leaf thieves or thinking about what it means to be wild, they're building their vocabulary, storytelling skills, and love for reading in a fun and creative way.



If you have any questions or concerns, we are always happy to speak to you, please make an appointment through the office as early morning on the door is a very busy time.

Thanks

Mrs Acott, Mrs Collins and Mrs Watson