



Year 1 Newsletter

Term 3

What will be learning this term?

Welcome to Term 3 in Year 1! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break!

In Maths, we will be starting the term with looking at subtraction. We will be doing this through the use of manipulatives before we focus on using a numberline. We will then move onto money and recognising and using coins.

In English lessons, we will continue to focus on basic writing skills such as finger spaces, capital letters and full stops in our independent sentences. We will start to introduce 'and' to make our writing more exciting! We will continue with Read Write Inc and will now focus on set 3 special friends, reading texts using the sounds we have learnt.

Our topic is 'Animals including humans' for Science this term. We will be learning about our 5 senses and naming some of our body parts. We will then be naming the body parts of animals and making comparisons to humans.

In Geography, our topic is 'Weather and Climate'. We will be looking at how the year is organised into months and seasons and looking at how the seasons change and affect our clothing choices and lifestyles.

In RE this term, our big question is, 'What is the good news that Jesus brings?' We will be learning about the story of Matthew and the tax collector and how Jesus showed Love, Kindness and Forgiveness.

In Computing, we will be introduced to data and information. The children will become familiar with the concept of labelling and grouping objects based on their properties. We will then develop their understanding that objects can be given labels, which is fundamental to their future learning concerning databases and spreadsheets.

In PSHE, we will be exploring 'Health Wellbeing', we will be learning about our emotions and what they all mean.

In Music, we will be learning about sound patterns where the children will learn about dynamics (volume) and rhythm. They will clap along to simple songs and learn hand gestures as to when to start and stop.

We will continue to have PE every Wednesday morning with the Sports Coaches. Please remember to wear your PE to school as well as your school jumper.

Homework

| Year 1 | Homework Task | Day of the week set | Day of the week to be completed |
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| Spelling | Spelling Shed | Friday | Play games for 5 minutes daily. |
| Reading - This is the most important. | Read Write Inc reading book | See information in new Reading Record book. | A minimum of 3 reads each week. |
| Maths | A Maths activity based on our class learning. | Thursday | Thursday |
| Phonics | A fun phonic activity. | Thursday | Thursday |

Please see the weekly Home Learning task sheet for more details.

Dates for your diary



Thursday 15th January 2026 - Speech and Language coffee morning 9am-10am

Friday 16th January 2026 - Report cards sent home

Friday 23rd January 2026 - Road Safety Workshops

Friday 6th February 2026 - Number Day

W/c Monday 9th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 10th February 2026 - Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 10th February 2026 - Come and See

Friday 13th February 2026 - Last day of term

If you have a concern about your child's learning, please initially speak to their teacher at the end of the day or contact the Phase Leader email to arrange a meeting or phone call. For more information about SEND, please visit: [SEND | Birchington Church of England Primary School](#)