

November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new term. The children are settling well into Year 1 and the routines and expectations are becoming more familiar to them. They are enjoying learning new subjects and of course, their 'busy time' relating to their learning. Please find overleaf information on our topic for the next half term as well as an overview of each subject.

As with the Autumn 1 term, we will be having Outdoor PE on Mondays and Indoor PE on Thursday. Children will change into their PE kit before the lesson and will come home in their PE kit. Please ensure your child has the correct kit to change into for these sessions and that it is brought back for the next PE lesson. For indoor PE your child only requires black shorts (not joggers) and the school PE top, please ensure these are always in their PE bag. Outdoor PE, it is recommended that the children bring a black tracksuit and that trainers are worn.

Please ensure all clothing and items of clothing are clearly named. This includes; all parts of the school uniform, P.E kit, shoes, trainers, coats, lunch boxes, water bottles, book bags and all cold weather clothing for the winter including hats, gloves and scarves.

Reading

Your child will continue to bring home a reading book at the end of each RWI cycle. The book must stay in their book bags and be brought to school every day. Please encourage your child to look after the books and respect the folder. If a reading book is damaged or lost you may be asked to pay for a replacement. We would like to thank you for supporting your child in learning to read. Please try to hear your child read every day and use the reading record to record the date, the title, the pages read and any additional comments about their reading that you may wish to write. Jade and Amber class will change their library book on alternate Wednesdays. If you wish to return the book in the meantime, they can put it in the library box at the back of the classroom. If your child does not return their book, they may not be able to choose another one. Finally, the children will be given the opportunity every morning to change their free choice book themselves and this will be their responsibility to change.

Home Learning

Topic

Every half term, we will ask the children to create something for that half term's topic. This half term our topic is 'Healthy me'. Please support your child by creating a healthy eating snack at home and then create a poster, PowerPoint or a picture of the snack so the children can share it with the class.



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It would be great if the children were able to understand why their snack is healthy. This is due in on Friday 12 th December.

In addition to reading with your child daily, we ask you to support them with both their maths home learning and spellings.

Maths

This half term, we will be learning about subtraction to 10, 2D/ 3D shapes and pattern. We will also begin place value to 20.

Spellings

Every Tuesday, we will hand out a list of spellings for your child to learn. These spellings are linked to our English work and support them to write with confidence. If you can, please ensure they are frequently practised at home so that your child feels confident when they complete their spelling test the following Tuesday.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Many thanks,

Mrs Lewis and Mrs Teale

Year 1 Teachers



Year Group –1

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English— Read, Write, Inc. will be the focus of a literacy hour every morning; developing phonetic ability, reading and writing. We will also be ensuring writing is developed further through our Talk for writing lessons. This will include learning about spelling, punctuation and grammar by writing about Elves and Stone Soup.

Maths—in Year 1, we will be using a scheme called White rose maths to teach the children. We will be learning about subtraction to 10, 2D/ 3D-shapes and pattern. We will also begin place value to 20.

Computing— the children will learn how to log on to Purple Mash and understand how to use it. They will also be learning how to stay safe online through Online Safety lessons.

Geography- The children will be learning about the local environment by identifying the difference between human and physical features.

Topic: **Healthy Me**

Art— not taught this term.

History— not taught this term.

Music - The children will create simple rhythms in time to a steady beat and progress their ability to play a variety of tunes on Boomwhackers from memory.

Science— the children will be learning about the body. We be able to learn and label the basic parts of the body. We will also learn and investigate the 5 senses of the body.

DT— the children will be learning all about healthy eating. As well this, they will be learning how to write a recipe and create their very own vegetable soup.

Indoor PE— developing agility, balance and co-ordination.

Outdoor PE— Ball skills— throwing, receiving and travelling with balls.

RE - Christianity—We are learning to re-tell the Christian Christmas story where we will discuss what gifts were given to Jesus and how that relates to gifts we receive now.

Connect - Self care
how to keep our bodies and minds healthy using our discoverer notice, advisor and values.

Curriculum Enrichment

RE— St Barnabas Church workshop at Whiteknights.

Topic Projects

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Project due date: Friday 12th December 2025

Websites Worth Visiting

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/read-write-inc-programmes/phonics/>

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/whiteknights#/portal/whiteknights/child>