



Year One Newsletter 2026

Spring Term 1

Welcome back and a happy new year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break! Thank you for your kind messages, cards and gifts.

It is wonderful to have Mrs Busler join our team on a Monday; Mrs Busler is a familiar face having previously taught Oak Class children (formerly Willow) and she is very much looking forward to returning to Year One alongside her role as Reception Teacher.



Termly Topic



Over the next half term, our new topic will be 'Bright Lights, Big City', based on our new Cornerstones curriculum. Through this project, children will learn about London and other capital cities, starting with key landmarks and the story behind a local landmark. They will explore the countries of the United Kingdom, including their capital cities and important physical and human features. The children will enjoy developing their map skills, using compasses and positional and directional language to plan routes around London.

Our English lessons will be closely linked to the topic and will use a range of engaging texts including Beegu, Paddington Bear stories and Winnie the Pooh Meets the King. Children will continue to develop their reading and writing skills by exploring different genres of writing, such as newspaper articles and diary entries. In Science, we will begin our Seasonal Changes project where children will observe trees in the local environment, learning the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees, and how the seasons affect animals and weather. This learning will link beautifully with Art and Design, where children will explore collagraph printing, developing motifs and creating both single and repeated prints inspired by the changing seasons.

Online Safety

This term, we will be teaching online safety; a unit that is so important in today's connected age! Children will learn how to stay safe online using the 'SMART' acronym: Safe, Meed, Acccept, Reliable, Tell. A poster is attached to give you more detail about each word.



Children will have the opportunity to practice searching the internet using child-friendly search engines called 'Kiddle' and 'Safe Search Kids'. It is recommended, that these tools are still used under adult supervision to ensure an even safer and guided online experience.

We would also like to draw attention to an excellent resource that is available on the 'Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre' website: <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/4-7/>. This has a dedicated section for children aged between 4 and 7 year olds that further supports the safe use of the internet in an engaging way. Again, this is a tool that should be completed together and used as an opportunity for discussion for any questions or concerns that may arise.



Our 'Online Safety Hub' on our website is also worth a visit with further information guides and useful links:

<https://www.tylersgreenfirst.co.uk/page/?title=Our+Parent+Information+Centre&pid=40>

Forest School

We are very excited to be starting Forest School with Shanta this term. The children absolutely love spending time outdoors, exploring nature, working together and building confidence through hands-on learning experiences. Forest School supports children's physical development, resilience, problem-solving skills and wellbeing, while encouraging curiosity and independence.

Please ensure your child comes to school with a named bag with suitable clothing to change into. This includes warm layers, waterproofs and appropriate footwear, as outlined in the previous newsletter. Remember it is more than likely that these items will get muddy or dirty, so 'old' items may be preferred! On Forest School days, children will return home wearing their Forest School clothing, and their school uniform will be sent home in their bag.



A little request...

Thank you for helping at pick up and respecting space at the classroom door. Please could this also extend to the morning drop off – it really does help for a smoother transition into the classroom for children and thinking much further ahead will begin to prepare them for Year 2 life!

And Finally...

A reminder to ensure your child is sent into school every day with suitable (and named) clothing for the colder weather such as warm coat, hats and gloves. Children will play outside in most conditions with the exception of heavy rain and we only have a very small supply of spare clothing. It would also be appreciated if children could practice putting items on and off independently.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Croucher, Miss Walker and Mrs Busler

Important dates to note:

Library: Every Friday for both Oak and Cedar classes

Forest School – Bi-weekly every Wednesday afternoon.

PE with Coach Mike:

- Tuesday and Thursday mornings