



Year 1 Newsletter Autumn 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new academic year in the next step of your child's journey through their education.

We would like to request your continuous support in making sure that your child has a successful and enriched learning experience in Year 1.

The Year 1 team are:

1B- Miss Nuttall

1G- Miss Ogiesoba

Support staff:

Mrs Burton (TA) & Mrs Keegan (TA)

Miss Beverley (LSA)

Teaching support staff will be supporting all the Year 1 children between the two classes. They will be changing the children's books weekly. Also, they will be providing targeted support (extra support), for some children, in maths, handwriting and phonics.

The Year 1 teaching team is contactable by sending an email to us via admin using the following email:

admin@adamsrill.lewisham.sch.uk

Kind regards,

The Year 1 Team



Homework

Every Friday, homework will be sent home to be completed and returned by Wednesday. Spellings will be sent home on a Friday and assessed the following week. It is essential that you support the children with their homework, as it is important for the consolidation of their learning.

Reading

Home Reading: Please ensure that your child is reading for at least **10 minutes** every day. One of our favourite quotes that we want you all to remember is from Dr Seuss, "the more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you will go."

Parents should keep a record of their reading by noting down the name of the book and the date they read in their reading record. Please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading record to school **every day** as they may be reading with an adult in school.

Please look after reading records, as there is a cost of £1.90 to replace if lost.

Attendance

Good attendance for good progress and attainment is at least 96%. The school does not authorise term time holidays. Thank you.

Physical Education

Children will have PE once a week with Ballers Sport every Thursday afternoon. Children may have additional PE sessions during teacher leadership time and will also take part in the Daily Mile during the week. Please ensure PE kits remain in school from Monday to Friday.

The P.E. kit consists of **navy shorts, white t-shirt and black plimsolls**. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school and that all items of clothing including jumpers/cardigans have clear name labels on them.

Your child should bring a labelled water bottle to school every day.

French - will be taking place every Monday afternoon.

Mental Health and Well-being: Weekly well-being sessions continue to take place as part of our learning in PSHE; this remains a key priority for the school.

Dates for your diary:

Meet the Teacher evening: Wednesday 16th September

Jeans for Genes Day: Friday 25th September

Target Setting Evening Day 1: Tuesday 29th September (By appointment only - more information to follow)

Target Setting Evening Day 2: Tuesday 6th October (By appointment only - more information to follow)

Individual school photos - Wednesday 7th October

Wear Pink Day (Cancer): Friday 23rd October

HALF TERM: Monday 26th October (INSET Monday 2nd November. Pupils return to school on **Tuesday 3rd October**)

Columbus and Armstrong Workshop (Freshwater Theatre): Friday 13th November

Artic Adventure Workshop (Horniman Museum): Wednesday 18th November

Christmas lunch: Tuesday 8th December

KS1 Christmas Performance: Thursday 10th December 2:00 pm

End of term: Friday 18th December. School finishes at 2pm; **Inset Day-** Monday 4th January 2027 **Children return to school** - Tuesday 5th January 2027

Class assembly dates: 1G - Thursday 29th April. 1B - Thursday 20th May.



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Literacy

Core Texts: Cave Baby, Astro Girl, I want my hat back, Billy and the Beast

During this term, key grammatical skills which we will be learning and continuously using are as follows; Begin to use capitals, write simple sentences independently, spaces between words and full stop.

By the end of the term we will be extending our sentences using 'and', 'because', and 'but'.

They will be writing simple sentences about space and adventures.

You can help your child by having discussions with your child about what they have been learning and supporting them with their writing. You could also support writing by having fun writing notes to each other, writing emails or letters to family members.

Art and Design

During art, the children will learn drawing techniques by doodling images. They will be using clay to make Diwali hands.

DT

The children will learn about different types of structures. This will lead to the designing and making of a chair for a soft toy.

Science

We will be learning about the human body parts and investigating the five senses. We will learn about a variety of everyday materials and identify the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants.

RSE - Myself & others, My body parts

SMSC- Physical Health and Wellbeing. Feeling safe and managing risk in different situations.

Music

Hey You - Variety of songs about positivity and being themselves.

Christmas performance songs.

Computing

E-safety - using the internet safely and using a computer/device safely.

Geography

Maps, globes, atlases, Satellites. Describing the maps of the world - labelling the Earth.

History

Christopher Columbus, The Gun Powder plot and Rosa Parks, The Battle of Hastings

RE

The Natural World, The Bible and Christmas.

Maths

During this term, key skills we will be learning:

Represent, compare and explore numbers within 10, one more and one less, doubling and halving, represent and explain addition and subtraction, commutativity, addition and subtraction facts, identify, describe, sort and classify 2D shapes, investigate repeating patterns, use and follow instructional and positional language.

You can help your child by discussing what they have been learning in school and support them by giving them simple mathematical problems to solve. Look for fun, interactive resources online such as Mathletics.

PE

In PE, we will be doing a variety of gymnastic movements. Then we will be developing our catching skills with Send and Return.