
Autumn 1 Newsletter 2025

Welcome to Year 1 and the Autumn Term!

We are excited to welcome you and your child to Year 1. Here are a few updates about what to expect this term.

Reading and Phonics

As in Reception, reading is closely linked to our phonics scheme. Each week, we will read a book together as a class. At the end of the week, your child will bring this book home. Please listen to them read as often as you can - ideally four times a week - and record this in their reading record. If your child can already read the text fluently, please encourage them to develop their expression and fluency.

We will continue with Phonics, building directly on the children's Reception learning. This term, we will begin Phase 5 digraphs. These focus on alternative spellings of sounds already taught in Reception. For example, the children will learn the 'ay' spelling as an alternative to the 'ai' sound.

Our Learning Approach

In Year 1, we have access to both indoor and outdoor provision, which supports the children to learn through play - something we value highly at Pyrford. The children will feel comfortable in this environment as it is very similar to what they experienced in Reception. Each day, the children will complete star jobs, which may be based on either core or foundation subjects. Alongside these, they will have access to play provision and carefully planned enhanced activities around the classroom, all of which are designed to support the Year 1 curriculum objectives.

Contact Details:

If at any point, you would like to speak to any of us, please email us directly.

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We are also available for brief discussions on the door, at drop off and pick up.

REMINDERS

PE days are **Tuesday** and **Friday**.

Please ensure that **all items of clothing, including PE kit, are clearly named**.

All children need a **named water bottle** in school every day.

If your child is being collected by someone different at pick-up, please inform the school office in advance.

Dates

Tuesday 16th September: Year 1 parent briefing

Tuesday 14th October: Parents' evening

Thursday 16th October: Parents' evening.

Friday 24th October: Inset Day

