

Year 1 - Half Term 1



It is the first term of the academic year with lots of exciting things to look forward to.

Dear Parents,

Here is an overview of the key information for this term in Year 1. If at any point you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher by email – c.anyanegbu@forestdale.bham.sch.uk

Maths

This half term our focus will be on **Number and Place Value (within 10)** and **Addition and Subtraction (within 10)**. Homework will be set on **SUMDOG** and based around the work covered in class to support children's learning. They will also be bringing home a paper copy of their Maths work for parents who prefer using worksheets to help practise at home. To support your child, it will be beneficial if you could provide tangible objects for the children to sort and count like lego bricks, buttons, or small toys. Make counting fun!

English

Phonics- Over this half term, the focus will be reviewing Phase 3 and 4 sounds.

Reading- There will be lots of opportunities for the children to explore a wide range of texts, fostering a love of reading. During practise reading sessions, the children will read decodable books matched to their phonic levels. They will develop their reading skills in terms of fluency and comprehension.

Writing- By the end of Year 1, the expectation is for the children to write sentences to form short narratives. This half term, the children will be using their phonic knowledge to write lists, labels and captions; matching the sounds they hear in words to the correct letters. They will practise their letter formation using letter formation phrases from the Little Wandle Programme.

Notices

Reading at home

We would like the children to return their reading diaries signed at the end of the week. It goes without saying that just a few minutes reading with your child each day will make a huge difference. **Book bags will be changed every Friday, and your child is expected to read 4 x 15 mins per week.** Your child will receive two practice reading books which are matched to their reading level. They will be able to read these books to yourselves independently and without any significant help. They will also bring sharing books that you can read **with** your child as your child is not expected to read these. Rather they are to promote reading for pleasure and develop a love of reading. **Please ensure you put your comments on the Boom Reader app (for which every child will receive their login details).**😊

Spellings.

Spellings will go out on a Friday ready for a test on the following Friday. Your child can practise their spellings on the interactive programme Spelling Shed. If you do not have access to the internet, a paper copy will also be sent with your child. **Children are expected to be achieving a minimum of 7/10 each week.** Thank you for your continual support.

Future Events

Event	Meet and Greet
Date	11.09.25
Time	3.25 pm
Venue	Year 1 classroom

Science

This half term, the focus will be on **Seasonal Changes**. The children will observe changes and will be encouraged to be curious and ask questions about what they notice. They will observe and describe weather linked with the seasons and how the length of the day varies. They will develop their understanding of scientific ideas through ~first hand~ practical experiences.

Break Time

Children will need to bring tuck money to buy toast or raisins during break time. They will be encouraged to take responsibility for their own money. Please ensure your child brings their money in a purse or wallet ready for them to put it into their money pots. Thank you for your support in ensuring this happens.

P.E

PE is on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child comes to school in their full PE kit on Tuesdays and Fridays every week. Children will not be allowed to wear earrings on P.E days. They can be either removed or fully taped for their safety.