

Welcome to Autumn Term 1

in Class One!



A BIG welcome (and welcome back) to Class One! We hope you had a lovely summer break and you are looking forward to the year ahead!

We begin the new term with the induction of our new reception starters. This year we have 8 lovely new faces joining our school. We welcome: **Fred, Mac, Olivia, Beau, Alex, Joshua, Henry and Oakley** We are sure that all the children will settle and be happy in their new school. Our new starters will be joining us for full days from next week. We would also like to welcome Mrs Harper who will be working with us in Class One this year.



Class Dojo



We use Class Dojo to keep parents up to date with what is going on in school. General messages or announcements specific to Class One will be posted on our Class Page. Whole school news can be found on the School Page. Children's individual observations can be found in their portfolio.

Dojo can be downloaded as an app on to a tablet or phone and should be checked on a regular basis.

Parents are more than welcome and actively encouraged to share photos and children's experiences outside school with us on Dojo throughout the year. These can be uploaded via the dojo app and will be added to your child's portfolio by a member of staff. I will post a video detailing how to upload photos and videos within the next week or so.

Baseline Assessments

Year One children will complete school-based informal Literacy and Mathematics assessments within the first 2 weeks back at school. This enables us to generate their starting point for the year and to set next steps targets in learning.

Within the first six weeks at school **Reception children** will complete the statutory government Baseline Assessment. Tasks and activities are centred around Communication, Language and Understanding, Literacy and Mathematics. Although this is a statutory assessment, we try to keep the activities as informal and hands-on as possible. The Baseline Assessment helps to inform us of the children's starting point and allows us to plan learning activities to meet their next step targets. We will share your child's government generated report with you once assessments are completed.

Homework Activities

Once the children have settled into school and baseline assessments are complete, we will send home a pack of homework resources in your child's book bags. This will take a little while to set up so please bear with us!

The pack usually consists of a name card, reading book, words to practise on keyrings, a sound book, spellings and number cards. All activities will be modelled to the children in school.

Please record comments of activities completed in your child's reading diary.

Book bags should be brought into school **every day** as we use certain homework resources in school also. I will send further information about homework with their pack in due course.

Topics and Themes

Our topics for this year are as follows.

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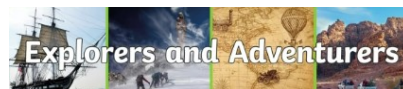
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Spring 1



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Summer 1



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Show and Tell

We usually hold Show and Tell sessions on a Friday until October half term. It is a super speaking and listening opportunity for the children and encourages them to ask questions and develop good conversational skills. If your child has something that they are proud of or an interesting object that they would like to share, they are welcome to bring it in on that day. This could include photos on Class Dojo, work done at home, a souvenir from a day out; we have even had live harvest mice and caterpillars brought in! We try to ask toys sent in for Show and Tell are kept to a minimum.

We will ask a specific group of children to bring in any items and we will let parents know this via Class Dojo in advance. If it is not your child's group's turn then please don't send anything in that day. We will begin our Show and Tell sessions on **Friday 27th September** and I will let you know who's turn it is plenty in advance.

Useful Dates

Reception children flexible full days in school from **Monday 16th September**

Coram Life Education Visit- **Tuesday 1st October**

Class 1 Forest School – **Monday 7th and Monday 14th October**

Individual School Photographs- **Monday 14th October**

Harvest Service in Church- **Friday 18th October**

Expressive Arts Week- **Monday 21st- Friday 25th October**