



# YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

## SPRING TERM 2024



Mole Class	Badger Class	Fox Class
Miss Mahendrakumar	Mrs Hawkins	Miss Cordery
LSAs: Mrs Fullarton, Mrs Linehan, Miss Kazlauskaitė, Miss Alefounder, Miss Cullen, Miss Noorzai		

**Welcome to Year 1! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and are back ready to learn!**

Year 1 is the beginning of Key Stage 1 and therefore, the expectations of behaviour and learning are high. We welcome your support in the education of your child and we believe that working together will enable your child to effectively access the more challenging curriculum.

### Home Learning

- We plan homework tasks very carefully to support and consolidate school learning. Therefore, it is vital that you support and encourage your child to complete the tasks set and communicate with their teacher if they have any problems doing so.
- For additional information on the Year 1 curriculum, please refer to the Long Term Curriculum Overview for Year 1.
- All maths overviews can be located on the school website.
- Home learning projects will be sent out at the beginning of each half term with an expected due date.

#### Mathematics



- Mathletics tasks will be assigned for home learning each Thursday which must be completed by the following Thursday. This will be linked to the maths learning in lessons that week.
- Maths Shed activities will also be set for your child, with a focus on number bonds and times tables. Please complete these weekly.

#### English



- Reading – Please ensure that your child reads their phonically matched reading book regularly **on Collins ebooks** and that this is recorded in their reading record. These books will be set online on a Friday. A sharing book will be sent home twice a week with the reading record on a Tuesday and Friday. This will be a book that you can enjoy reading together. Please ensure your child's reading record is in school every day.
- Spelling – A Spelling Shed activity will be set each day, linked to the phonics learning that day. Your child needs to spend 10 minutes each day practicing these spellings.

- **Username and passwords are stuck in your child's reading record.**

### PE Days & PE Kits

**The expectation is that your child comes into school in their PE kit on PE days.**

Please ensure each item of your child's PE kit is clearly labelled with their name and no jewellery is worn on PE days.

Yr1 PE days: Tuesday & Thursday

### Marvellous Me



Marvellous Me will be used to send out key information as well as celebrate your child's success. It is essential that you are signed up to the app and that you check it regularly.

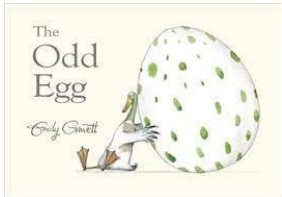
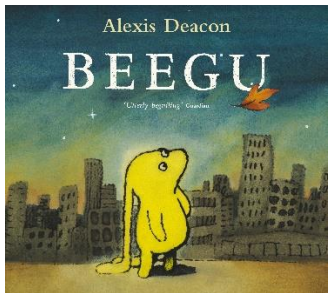
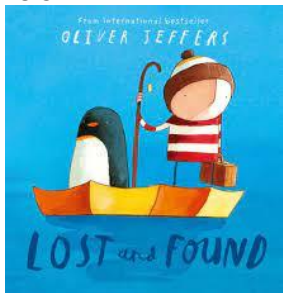



### Important Dates





2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Inset Day
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Chertsey Museum workshop
1 <sup>st</sup> February	London Zoo trip
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents evening
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents evening
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term
19 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset Day
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Back to school
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Fox class assembly
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Mole class assembly
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Badger class assembly
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up at 2pm

**More information on key school events such as parent consultations will follow.**

At APPS, we follow the Literary Curriculum from Literacy Tree, which places quality literature at the core of English teaching. Below are the texts that Year 1 will study over the course of the term. If you are able to discuss the books with your child as we study them, it would really support their learning. All books are available from bookshops and local libraries. Please refer to the whole school text overview on the school's website for the texts studied in the summer term.

Spring 1		Spring 2	
<p>The Odd Egg by Emily Gravett</p> 	<p>Beegu by Alexis Deacon</p> 	<p>Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers</p> 	<p>Leo and the Octopus by Isabelle Marinov</p> 

## Celebration of Autumn Term Learning

			
<p>We went on our school trip to Brooklands Museum, as part of our history topic, Air and Space Travel. We were able to see how planes have changed over time and even got to go on a Concorde! We had so much fun in the loopy glider's workshop, building our own gliders and testing them to see whose travelled the furthest.</p>	<p>We loved our science day, where we got the chance to use the microscopes to look at a leaf closely and draw our findings.</p>	<p>We children visited the Salvation Army as part of our learning in RE on Christianity. We had a fantastic time learning about the birth of Jesus. The children made decorations which were kindly donated to the church for their tree.</p>	<p>In computing we have been learning about algorithms and how to programme the Beebot.</p>

For further information or queries, please check the school's website or twitter accounts.

Website: [www.ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk) Twitter: @Ashford\_Park

Should you have any queries, please contact the office on [info@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk)

We are very much looking forward to working with you to give your child the very best learning experience at APPS.

Year 1 Team

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