



# YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

## SPRING TERM 2026



Mole Class	Badger Class	Fox Class
Mrs Norman	Miss Cordery	Miss Manly
LSAs: Mrs Cox, Mrs Linehan, Mrs Swinburn, Mrs Warman, Ms Dias, Mrs Ali, Mrs Salley, Miss Wicks		

**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 **Spelling Shed**

- 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. Year 1 PE days are **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.

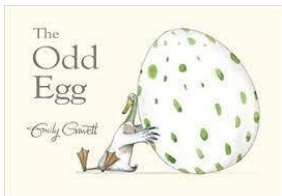
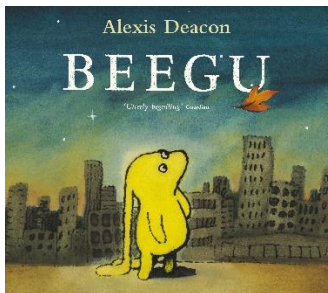
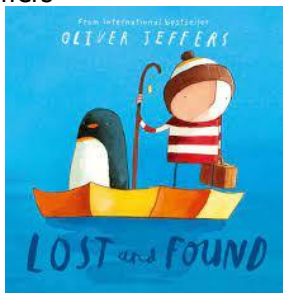



### Important Dates

6 <sup>th</sup> January	Chertsey Museum workshop
4 <sup>th</sup> February	London Zoo trip
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Fox Class Assembly
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents evening
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents evening
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset Day
16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Back to school
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Mole class assembly
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Badger class assembly
27 <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	
The Odd Egg by Emily Gravett 	Beegu by Alexis Deacon 	Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers 	Leo and the Octopus by Isabelle Marinov 

## Celebration of Autumn Term Learning

			
<p>We went on our school trip to the London Transport Museum, as part of our history topic, Travel over Time. We were able to see how transport has changed over time and got to look at some of the older buses and trains and compare them to the transport we use today.</p>	<p>We have enjoyed our science learning all about seasons. We went on an autumn walk, identifying signs of autumn that we could see in our school grounds.</p>	<p>We visited St Hilda's Church as part of our learning in RE on Christianity. We had a fantastic time learning about the birth of Jesus, the Christmas story and the gifts that were given. The children made decorations which were kindly donated to the church for their tree.</p>	<p>In maths we have been practicing our numbers bonds to and within 10. We enjoyed playing a maths game where we had to work with our partner to create number bonds by rolling the dice and creating the chosen number in different ways.</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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