



YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2026





Mole Class	Badger Class	Fox Class
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LSAs: Mrs Cox, Mrs Linehan, Mrs Swinburn, Mrs Warman, Ms Dias, Ms Nadeeka, Mrs Ali, Miss Lewis, Mrs Salley, Miss Wicks		

Welcome to Year 1! We hope you had a wonderful Easter 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. Year 1 PE days are **Tuesday & Thursday**.



Arbor



Please make sure you are signed up to Arbor and include at least two contact phone numbers in case of illness or emergency.

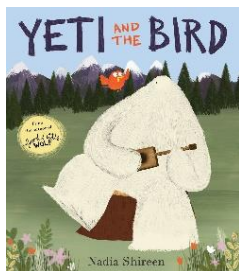
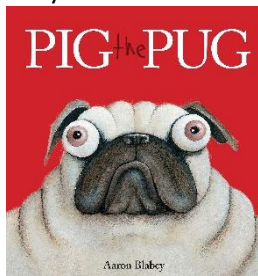
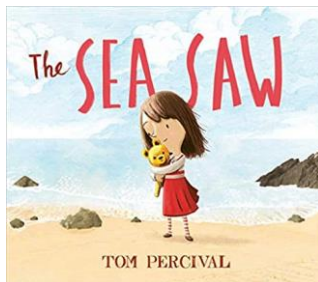
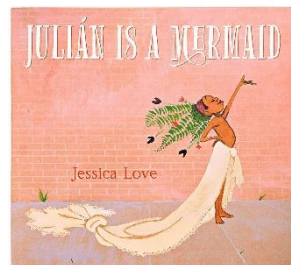
Please pre-order your child's lunches through Arbor. This includes if your child is having packed lunch.

Important Dates





13 th April	Back to school
4 th May	Bank holiday
6 th May	Trip to Milestones Museum
6 th May	PSHE parent meeting in hall
18 th May	Cultural diversity afternoon
22 nd May	Inset Day
1 st June	Back to school
8 th June	Statutory Phonics screening check week
9 th June	Class photos
23 rd June	KS1 Sports day
16 th July	4.30-6pm Celebration afternoon
21 st July	Break up at 2pm

More information on key school events 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.

Summer 1		Summer 2	
Yeti and the Bird By Nadia Shireen 	Pig the Pug by Aaron Blabey 	The Sea Saw by Tom Percival 	Julian is a mermaid by Jessica Love 

Celebration of Spring Term Learning

			
<p>We celebrated World Book Day where we dressed up as our favourite book characters! We shared stories, paraded our costumes and designed our own quiet reading space. We had fun watching our teachers perform the story of Peter Pan!</p>	<p>We enjoyed our history workshop run by Chertsey Museum. We had fun looking at all the toys from the past and comparing them to our toys now, discussing how they have changed.</p>	<p>In DT we learnt about where food comes from and the importance of healthy eating. We created our own smoothie recipes and followed these to make our own smoothies.</p>	<p>We enjoyed designing and making our own animal puppets. We learnt how to sew two pieces of material together. We also cut different shapes and features out of fabric and stuck them on the puppet. We then created, performed and filmed our own puppet shows!</p>

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

Website: 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

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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