

YEAR ONE *Newsletter*

Friday 4th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I've barely seen the children this week as I've been covering in Reception while Miss Dale has been out on home visits. It's been lovely getting to know my new class, but I've really missed Year 1!

Next week, I'll be back in class as usual and we'll begin preparing for our class assembly on Thursday 10th July. Parents are warmly invited to attend. We'll be celebrating all that we've achieved in Year 1 and sharing some of our favourite memories—we can't wait to show you!



English

This week, we watched a short animation called *Oktapodi*, which tells the story of two love-struck octopuses who get separated and hilariously reunited. The children wrote character descriptions and then created 'Lost' posters for the captured octopus to help bring him home!

Maths

In Maths this week, we focused on finding quarters of shapes by splitting them into four equal parts. The children also had to recognise if shapes had been split into quarters or halves and make comparisons. We also looked at finding quarters of quantities by sharing objects into four equal groups.

Miss Hutchinson organised a special treat for her last math's lesson with the children where they practised cutting pieces of fruit into halves and quarters to make fruit kebabs. The children had a great time and enjoyed eating their fruit kebabs!



Woodland Learning

The children had another lovely session in the Woods on Thursday with Mrs Robinson, Mrs Glennon and Mrs Spratt. They also were joined by some lovely Year 6 children who enjoyed helping out in the woods!



Miss Hutchinson

On Tuesday, we said goodbye to the lovely Miss Hutchinson. She is already very much missed by all of us in Year 1, and we wish her every success as she begins her new role as a qualified teacher! Miss Hutchinson also asked me to pass on her heartfelt thanks to all the parents for the kind gifts and thoughtful cards. We had a fabulous last day with her, playing games outside in the shade.



PSHE

Thank you so much for sending in the lovely baby photos! The children really enjoyed sharing them and had lots of fun guessing who was who. I also wanted to make you aware that, over the final few weeks of term in PSHE, we will be learning about the physical differences between boys and girls and introducing the correct scientific names for private body parts (such as penis, vagina, and testicles). We will also talk about the different names children may use for these parts at home. These lessons often bring a few giggles, but they are an important part of the curriculum and help reinforce the children's understanding of which body parts are private.

Home learning

I am very aware that the children are all very tired and it's been such a busy term so I will not be sending home any new spellings to learn. If possible, please can your child continue to read as much as they are able to.

Hope you have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Mockler, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Glennon and Miss Hutchinson