

YEAR ONE *Newsletter*

Friday 6th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a lovely first week back after the half-term break. The children have adapted brilliantly to the new classroom set-up, sitting at tables instead of on the carpet, as part of their transition towards Year 2.

On Wednesday, we held our cake sale during break time and are thrilled to share that we raised an amazing **£150** to go towards improving our outdoor area. A huge thank you for all the generous cake donations—they were very popular and enjoyed by all!



English

In English, we started a new book called *The Man on the Moon* by Simon Bartram. It tells the story of Bob, who travels to the moon each day for work. The children have enjoyed sequencing the story and retelling it in their own words. We also thought of the different adjectives we could use to describe Bob and wrote descriptive sentences about him.

Maths

In Maths, we've been counting in twos, fives, and tens. The children have been working on number sequences, filling in missing numbers, spotting patterns, and practising counting both forwards and backwards.

Religious Education

In RE, we continued learning about Judaism by exploring the story of Hanukkah. We discussed the idea of miracles and shared what we feel grateful for in our own lives.

Geography

In Geography, we've been learning about the United Kingdom, focusing this week on Belfast, the capital city of Northern Ireland. The children learned some fascinating facts and drew their own maps of Belfast, including some key landmarks.

History

In History, we introduced our new topic of explorers. The children shared ideas about what an explorer is and who they might already know. Over the coming weeks, we'll be learning more about two famous explorers: Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong.

Computing

In Computing, we began our new topic on coding using an app called Scratch Junior. The children really impressed us with their ability to program their sprite characters to move around the screen using simple instructions



PSHE

In PSHE, we've been thinking about changes. We looked at life cycles of different animals and discussed how all living things—including ourselves—grow and change over time.

Woodland Learning and Race Across Leybourne

Our Woodland learning dates for this term are Thursday 12th June and Thursday 3rd July. I also wanted to make you aware that our Year 1 Race Across Leybourne will be on Monday 16th June (not on the 17th as stated in the Head's letter).

Miss Hutchinson

Miss Hutchinson, who has spent the majority of the year with us in Year 1 completing her teacher training, will have her last day with us on Tuesday 1st July. She has been an amazing asset to Year 1 and we wish her all the best for her teaching career. I am sure we will have some celebrations for Miss Hutchinson in class before she leaves Leybourne!

Home learning

Please can the children continue to read as often as possible. I have included the new spellings for this week, focusing on tricky words.

Also, any practise counting up in 2s, 5s and 10s, either by singing along to songs on Youtube or saying them when out and about will really help embed their recall. Over the next few weeks, we will be introducing multiplication and division concepts in maths, so having a sound understanding of counting up in 2s, 5s and 10s will really help.

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

Spellings

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