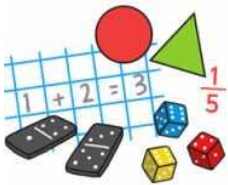
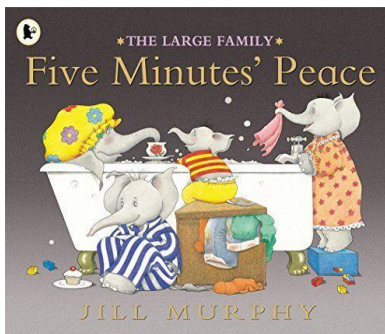
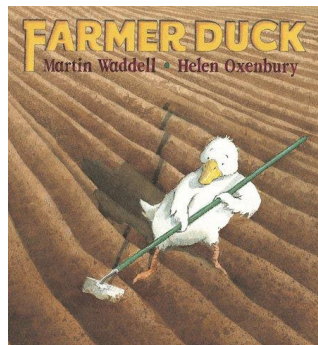


YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back, we have spent this week settling back into the new school timetable and routines and the children have worked extremely hard. We have loved getting to know everyone and finding out all of the amazing things that the children can do.

As part of our Phonics programme we teach a 'Talk Through Stories' session each day. These sessions help us to explore the text in detail and develop comprehension skills. Our focus texts this half term will be **Farmer Duck** and **Five Minutes Peace**.



In **Mathematics**, we will be focusing on number, representing the tens and ones in different ways. We will also start learning our number bonds (pairs of numbers that make 10) and exploring strategies for addition and subtraction.

In **English**, we will be having a big focus on handwriting, beginning to develop a cursive style with an entry flick to help us to keep our letters on the line. Our sentence writing skills are developed in our phonics lessons and are linked to our Read Write Inc books. Each group has a different focus but all will reinforce three main elements - Capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.



Your child should now been given a home reading book and library book along with a letter sharing ideas for reading at home.

Each class with visit the library weekly and children returning their book can choose a new one.

Team Green - Tuesday and Team Yellow - Wednesday



Foundation Subjects

Year one will be covering the following subjects this half term.

Science	My body <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labelling the body• The 5 senses
Art	Our focus artist is Pablo Picasso and we will be creating our own self portraits.
Geography	In Geography we will be learning more about local areas and identifying the physical and humans features within Portsmouth.
Music	Our Music unit is called Hey You! We will be learning the difference between pulse, rhythm and pitch.
RE	It will soon be Harvest time and as part of this celebration we learn about the signs of harvest and why we are thankful at harvest time.
PE	Both classes have PE with a specialist sports coach on a Tuesday afternoon - children will need to come into school in their PE kit on these days.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 12th September - Year 1 meet the teachers - 2.45pm in the school hall

Tuesday 1st October - Year 1 Fire Service workshop

Friday 4th October - INSET day

Tuesday 15th October - School photographer - individual photos

Friday 18th October - Year 1 Phonics meeting - 2.45pm in the school hall

Last day of this half term

Monday 21st October - Friday 1st November - Half term

Monday 4th November - INSET day

Tuesday 5th November - All children back to school

Year 1 Firework safety - children to bring gloves to school please.

Friday 8th November - Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital visit.



Thank you for your continued support