

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you find the following information useful.

Spring Term 1 2026

The school gates open at 8:40am and register will be taken at 8:50am. If you are later than 8.55am, the gates will be closed and you will need to report to the front office. Please try to be on time as missing out on a few minutes can have a big impact on a child's day.

Children are expected to wear the correct school uniform, including black shoes or trainers, a white polo shirt and grey skirt/trousers. Children can wear a plain, stud earring in each ear if they wish. Hairbands should be plain. Children can wear a watch but no other jewellery (necklaces/bracelets etc) should be worn.

At Home

Keep practicing counting on and back to 20, and beyond. Start and finish from different numbers. Recognise numbers as you walk along the road, spot buses etc. Any board game is great for this and there are some fun activities on the ICT games website.

We looked at simple 2D and 3D shapes last term so please practice identifying and naming some of these.

It is school policy to read with your child for at least three times a week. Please record this in their new Reading Records. Also encourage them to read their own books and comics. Oxford Owl is a good website for extra ebooks.

They will bring home a book from the school library. This will be a book of their choice that they find it to be interesting. Children are welcome to continue to read books from home that they enjoy.

Our ongoing Science Topic is Seasonal change so please discuss what is happening with the weather and how this changes over the next couple of months.



An Information Booklet for Parents and Carers.

Year 1

Staff Names:

Mrs Osborne
Miss Sharp
Miss Brooke
Mrs Hunter
Mrs Shaw
Mrs Schmidt



What are we learning this half term?

In **English** we are going to be looking at narrative writing. We will identify the start, middle and end points of stories and look at how to make our own stories really exciting. We will also be looking at making an information text linked to our topic of the United Kingdom.

We will be continuing writing sentences - being more consistent with a capital letters, finger spaces and full stops at the end. Your child will be learning spellings in school. These are the words we sent home so please keep practicing them.

In **Maths**, we are looking at place value within 20 as well as addition and subtraction within 20 (our learning of number bonds will really help with this).

In **Science**, we are focusing back on everyday materials. We will use our knowledge to carry out some investigations.

Our **Geography focus** for this half term is all about the United Kingdom. We will name the counties and capitals cities. We will identify these on a map.

Key Texts this half term

This half term, we will be looking at the texts Prince Cinders, Bog Baby and Paddington.

As part of Paddington we are planning to watch the film which is a PG. **We need parental permission for your child to watch this** in school so please log on to Arbor and check the consents form.

We will use these texts to write stories by retelling these and using them to help write our own narratives. We will be focusing on the sequence of stories and we will use adjectives to add detail. We will also be using time conjunctions to order our stories including:

First, Then, Next, After

Things to remember...

P.E. day is Tuesday.

Library books are changed on Tuesday.

Reading books can be changed daily.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday 5th January – Term starts

Thursday 12th February ~ Break up

Friday 13th February – Training Day

Monday 23rd February – Term starts

What to bring to school

Children should bring bookbags each day, please check their bookbags for any letters and learning so you have all the information and they can share the learning they bring home.

Remember to bring a water bottle every day!

Contact

For concerns or queries relating to your child's learning, your first point of contact is one of the Year 1 class teachers (Mrs Osborne or Miss Sharp). The easiest method is to speak to one of us at the beginning or end of the school day. However, you can also contact us via the below email address:

KS1@tnhps.rklt.co.uk

Other concerns and absences should be directed to the school office.