

Year 1/2 - Autumn 2026

Welcome



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new Autumn term. We hope that you and your family enjoyed the summer holiday. It has been lovely to welcome the children back with smiling faces ready to learn. The children are settling in really well; we have been spending time getting to know each other and exploring our classroom.

What will we be learning about this term?

Our History project this term is called School Days. In the School Days project children will learn about their own school and locality, both today and in the past. They will compare schooling in the Victorian era to their experiences today.

We have two Science projects this term, our first is Human Survival. In this project the children will learn about the basic needs of humans for survival, including the importance of exercise, nutrition and good hygiene. They will learn how human offspring grow and change over time into adulthood.

In the Animal Parts project, your child will learn about animals, including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals and invertebrates. They will identify and describe their common structures, diets, and how animals should be cared for.

Within these subjects we use knowledge organisers to support our learning. The children have copies in school, and we refer to them regularly within lessons, focusing on the key vocabulary. You can find all our knowledge organisers for the year under the knowledge organisers tab on our class page. Perhaps you could ask your child to tell you about some of the key words and what they mean?

Homework

Your child will be bringing home a reading book on Friday this week. Please listen to your child read regularly at home and share other books together. It is so important that children get regular opportunities to practise reading at home as well as in school. Try to read daily for a short time rather than just once or twice a week for a longer period. Short bursts work best and will help your child to make progress and grow in confidence. We are keen to promote a real passion for reading in our class. Please make sure your child has their reading book in their bag every day. We will change reading books each Monday and Friday. Please sign the reading record each time you listen to your child read.

Things to remember:

PE is every Monday – please send your child to school in their school PE kit and trainers on this day.

Forest School is every Thursday – please send your child to school in clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. Wellies or old trainers can be brought in and left on your child's coat peg to be changed into each Thursday afternoon.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch: catht@st-georgescofe.derbyshire.sch.uk

With best wishes

Mrs Tiffany and the year 1/2 team