



Lawley Primary School and Nursery

"Planting the seeds, growing the future"

Year 1 – Autumn Term Newsletter 2026

Arctic Experience!

On the first day back, Thursday 3rd September, children are invited to come to school dressed as an arctic animal or explorer to kick start our English text for this half-term.

History request

Please send in a baby picture and significant family event picture e.g. big birthday, wedding, celebrations, moving house/country (if available) for us to use in our History topic. This will start on Friday 4th September. Please name and date these! We will photocopy them and return them to you the following week.

Welcome back!

We hope you have enjoyed your summer break and are looking forward to getting stuck into Year 1. This term is full of new and exciting learning and experiences. The reception Facebook group and Showbie class will be renamed to Year 1 and will continue.

Curriculum

We have two topics this term; 'Magnificent Marvellous Me' and 'How it's Made'. Phonics and Guided Reading happen daily.

English – In English we have two focus texts; 'Lost and Found' and 'Katie in London'. We will be focussing on solidifying our skills including forming our letters correctly, using full stops, capital letters and finger spaces, and using some description. We will also be looking at some poetry, focussing on rhyme.

Maths – In Maths we will be looking at place value, addition and subtraction and shape.

Science – In Science we will learn all about our bodies, materials and Autumn.

History – In History we will answer the question 'How am I making History?'.

Geography – In Geography we will answer the question 'What is it like here?'.

Art – In Art we will begin practising our drawing skills 'Exploring Line and Shape'.

D&T – In D&T we will explore 'Stable Structures' and have a go at building something of our own!

Computing – In Computing we will be looking at 'Technology Around Us' and have an Online Safety focus of 'Self-Image and Identity'.

Music – In Music we will be exploring instruments, focussing on 'Senses'.

PE – In PE we will be having a go at Yoga, Dance, Fundamental skills and Ball skills.

RE – In RE we will be looking at Christians and Creation and Incarnation.

RHE – In RHE we will talk about Family and Relationships.

Homework

Homework will be put on Showbie weekly. If you are not yet signed up to Showbie, please sign up to join our class (code: BD3WG).

Reading – Children are expected to read at least 3 times per week. If there are at least 3 entries in their reading diary in a week, they will move up our Reading Kite and be closer to winning a prize!

Spellings – Children will have spellings each Friday to practise, with a spelling test the following Friday. These words will be from the first 100 High Frequency Words list and are taught at the beginning of each English lesson. Children will bring home a small yellow book to practise in and do their test in.

Maths – This half-term, Maths homework will be counting in 2's. The following half-term will focus on counting in 10's.

Events and Enrichment

This term we will be welcoming visitors into school to talk to us about our bodies. We will also be exploring our local area.

Important Reminders

PE lessons will be taught on Tuesday mornings (indoors) and Thursday afternoons (outside). Please ensure PE kits are worn on these days.

Please ensure water bottles are brought into school DAILY.

All items of clothing (including PE kits) and other belongings (such as bags and pencil cases) must be clearly named and labelled to avoid lost property.

We ask that your child does not bring in any toys to avoid upset if they are lost or broken.

We have limited space in Year 1, due to having small lockers, so would prefer if your child brought in a bookbag/small bag and not a rucksack.

Snacks are provided for KS1 children but if you want to send one in, please follow school policy which is:

- Fruit/vegetables on Monday – Thursday
- Healthy snack on a Friday

Contact us

If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us:

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Thank you for your support,
Mrs Willis and Miss Green