KS1 Newsletter
Autumn 2026

As usual, we are sending home a newsletter at the start of the term to provide you with details about the new topic as well as other important information.
This term's topic is called **'Tell me a story'** and as usual, it is packed full of exciting learning opportunities across all subjects.

Our Curriculum this term.

English – This term the children will continue to develop their love of reading and writing. We will begin the term by sharing the text 'Meesha makes friends' by Tom Percival and the children will learn different skills that will build up to our final writing piece which is to write a diary entry in the first person, whilst looking closely at punctuation and accuracy when working independently. We will also look at the poem 'Zebra Question' by Shel Silverstein and 'Nibbles the book monster' by Emma Yarlett.

Maths **–** Year one children will work with numbers to ten. They will look at part whole models and add and subtract. Following this they will focus on the topic of shape. Year two children will begin by looking at numbers to one hundred before focusing on addition and subtraction. We will finish the term focusing on the properties of shape.

Science – As Scientists, we will focus on 'Plants'. We will label the different parts of plants, identify and name different types of plants, and look more closely at trees, beginning by thinking about the changes that occur to them during Autumn.

D.T - As designers we will use different joining methods and fabrics to create faces.

Art –.As artists we will be using inspiration from the outdoors to create patterns with nature. We will use our sketchbooks in a meaningful way.

History - As historians we will learn about The Gunpowder Plot and we will explore and commemorate the anniversary of Remembrance Day.

Music – As musicians, we will develop our listening skills and explore sounds around us, looking specifically at 'Rhythm in the way we walk' and 'The Banana Rap'. We will accompany a song with untuned and tuned percussion instruments.

Computing– During the Autumn term we will be looking at technology around us.

RE – This term, we will look at Christianity. We will look at the story of 'The Good Samaritan' and we will talk about kindness. During the second half term, we will look at The Christmas Story and answer the question, 'Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world?'

Geography - **As Geographers** we will use simple fieldwork, observational skills and plan perspectives to study the immediate local area around school.
We will use our observations to make a simple map of the local area including basic map symbols in a key. We will use simple compass directions (NSEW) and location/direction language to describe location of features and routes. (Standing on Hazelbadge Road) We will follow a route on a map to locate different clues/points. As part of our class discussions, we will regularly observe the weather. We will comment on the effect on nature and us. We will identify the **season of Autumn** and discuss the key features of the weather we may experience in the UK at this time of year.

PSHE - As good and healthy citizens in our PSHE learning we will learn about keeping safe and our own personal safety. We will also look at being responsible for our own learning and that practice makes progress!

PE
The children will continue to take part in two PE sessions a week. One outdoors and one indoors.
Please return your child's PE kit as soon as possible. For safety reasons, please ensure children have long hair tied back and any earrings that cannot be removed will be covered with tape.

We will continue incorporating the 'My Happy Minds' mental and emotional well-being programme into our timetable. Once a week, all children in school will participate in activities linked to five modules - meet the brain, celebrate, appreciate, relate, and engage. Each module introduces a new set of content and habits to help children build resilience, self-esteem, and confidence.

To further support and reinforce this learning, My Happy mind has developed a dedicated Parent App. You can access these resources online from your computer or conveniently through the app on your phone. The Parent App is designed to support you as a parent or carer by helping you understand what your child is learning, providing fun activities you can enjoy together at home, and giving you access to a Kids Zone featuring myHappymind Games, along with lots more!

For more information on My Happy Mind click here
To access these materials, you will first need to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code 151153. We really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you can support your child in getting the best out of the curriculum.

Housekeeping

Your child needs to bring their water bottle and book bag each day. Please do **NOT** send in rucksacks as we do not have the space to store them. The corridor is narrow and when the children have coats and rucksacks on their peg they inevitably fall off and can then cause a trip hazard.
As we begin a new school year, please ensure that all items of clothing are named.



Homework



Reading is our main priority in Key Stage one. We ask that you hear your child read as regularly as possible as well as reading to them. We would recommend hearing them read a minimum of three times a week. We do appreciate that life is very busy, and that the children often have after school commitments, but we cannot stress how important it is for children to read on a regular basis to ensure that they are making progress and becoming confident readers. We have stuck a login for the RWI eBooks so they can access further books from home.
Numbots – Your child has a Numbot login within their reading book. A further letter will be sent out to give you more details on this app.
Spellings-You will find a list of words that we will focus on each week within your child's reading record. These will be taught within school but we would ask that you support your child to learn them at home.

Our School Rule

Be Ready,
Be Respectful and
Be Reflective.

School Values

Curious Responsible
Active Respect
Creative Brave
Lower Park School

Naturally, we expect a high standard of behaviour and attitude as it is important to achieve a happy and purposeful classroom.

As you can see we have a wonderful term planned and we are sure that your child will enjoy all the new opportunities and experiences that this year has to offer. Please do not hesitate to contact at us at any point if you have any queries or concerns. As always, we will not allow your child to leave school unless we recognise the adult who is there to collect them. Please do let us know any regular home time arrangements and if there are any changes then please contact the office who will pass on your message.

We are very excited to begin a new school year and thank you for your continued support.

Key Stage one team