Year 1

Just To Let You Know

6th November 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Wow! The children have come back to school relaxed, cheerful and full of joy for learning. It has been so great to see them settled in Year 1 and embracing the new term with smiles on their faces. We have begun our new topic – a history topic called 'Old Toys'. The children were fascinated to explore some wonderful, old toys borrowed from Guildford Museum. We have also talked about our exciting visit to the museum next week. We can't wait!

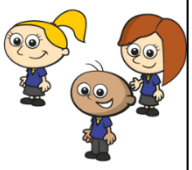
In maths we have revisited number bonds to 10. We are getting faster at reciting or writing the different bonds to 10.

We have also looked at word problems and have used counters and ten frames to answer questions. We are writing number sentences carefully with the symbols + and =.

First there were five children in the playground.

Then three more children came.

How many children are in the playground now?

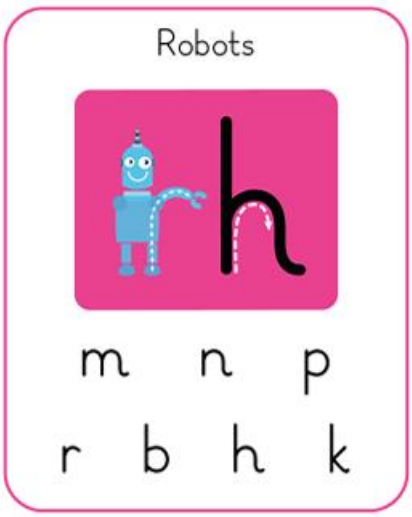


Number bonds to 10

0 + 10 = 10
1 + 9 = 10
2 + 5 = 10
3 + 7 = 10
4 + 6 = 10
5 + 5 = 10
6 + 4 = 10
7 + 3 = 10
8 + 2 = 10
9 + 1 = 10
10 + 0 = 10

Handwriting

The children are enjoying practising their handwriting each morning and are working on one-armed robot letters. This week we practised n, m, h k and p.



Phonics

This week we have been revising all our sounds as well as our new GPCs

ir (bird, first),

ie (tie, tried),

ue (rescue, argue) and **ue** (blue, true)

u (unit, unicorn).

Tricky Words

This week we have revised some tricky words and have started to learn some new tricky words.

their, here, today, one, people, oh, your

Friendly reminders 😊

- **Reading at home** – Following our assessments at the end of term, some children will be bringing home books they have read before – in Year 1 or in Reception. We focus on developing fluency in the reading and some children benefit from revisiting books rather than moving on too quickly to harder texts!
- **PE Kit** – if your child wears tights to school please provide a pair of named socks for them to wear with their trainers during PE.
- **Thank you** for naming school uniform and PE kits. As the days get colder, please also pop a name in hats, gloves and scarves too.
- **Tapestry –** we continue to add photos and information weekly, so please make sure you are registered so you can see your child at work!

Diary dates

- Our trips to Guildford Museum are on Thursday 19th (Oak) and Thursday 26th (Beech) November. The children should come to school in their usual school clothes and shoes. Please send your child in a coat in case of cold weather and/or rain!
- A packed lunch is NOT necessary as we will return to school for lunchtime as usual.

Have a lovely weekend.

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