

## English

This term the children will continue to work through the Read, Write, Inc phonics programme. Year 1 will explore texts related to our topics, including *Leo and the Octopus*, *The Lonely Beast and Out and About Poetry*. They will learn to compose a sentence and hold it in their head. They will continue to develop their ability to write meaningful sentences, with capital letters and simple punctuation, for a range of purposes. Children will focus on letter formation and size in Handwriting.

## Maths

In Maths, children will begin initially on fluency with numbers to 10. They will learn to count forwards and backwards from any given number up to 10, including reading and writing in numerals and words. The children will identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations. Later in the term, children will move on to representing and using number bonds within 10 to add and subtract one-digit numbers. This will include finding the difference between numbers. Later on, children will be learning to recognise and name common 2-D and 3-D shapes.

## History

This term, children will be introduced to the history and how we learn about the past. They will learn about their families and some family history including looking at where in the world their families come from. Later we will look at royalty and learn about the British royal family and parliament.

## Geography

Our geography theme this term is weather with a focus on Autumn and Winter.



### Year 1 Autumn 2025

Topic: Me, Myself and I  
Kings and Queens

Teachers: Mrs Jones and  
Ms Rolt

## Art and DT

This term the children will explore a range of materials and techniques to produce work related to our topics e.g. printing. They will develop observational skills through self-portraits and looking at plants and insects. Later they will create crowns from around the world. They will be encouraged to explore colour, texture, pattern and line.

## Science

Early this term, children will learn about the parts of the human body and about each of the senses.

Later they will be learning about materials. The children will be identifying and naming a variety of common materials and exploring their properties. They will start to develop some scientific skills such as observing and asking questions.

## ICT

This term, children will use Purple Mash software to learn about basic online safety such as passwords. They will also use learn to use a computer for sorting and grouping.

## PE

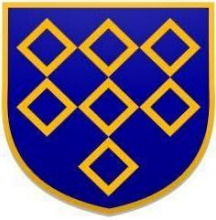
The Children will have outdoor PE lessons to develop their games skills and to build stamina and keep healthy. During indoor PE children will have fitness and gymnastic lessons. The children will learn to travel in a variety of ways and to control a ball.

## RE

This term we will be looking at the theme of family and how God loves and cares for every family. We will also look at Belonging and how baptism is an invitation to belong to God's family. Waiting is our theme in Advent as we wait for Jesus' birth. We will learn a variety of prayers.

## RSE

Through story times and assemblies children will explore ways of giving, being thankful for everything that we have and the importance of community.



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## Welcome to the Autumn Term

Dear Parents and carers,

We would like to warmly welcome you all to Year 1. The children are doing well, settling into a new class and a new key stage. Mrs Jones will be teaching the class Monday to Wednesday and Ms Rolt will be teaching the class Wednesday to Friday. Miss Florence is our teaching assistant.

This term, Year 1 has two topics. The first is 'Me Myself and I'. A perfect topic to begin the year as the children will have the opportunity to think and talk about their own families, history and heritage. We hope that you will take the opportunity to talk with your children about who is in their family, languages that are spoken and any stories about family members. The second topic is 'Kings and Queens', when the children will learn about the British royal family as well as Kings and Queens and leaders from around the world, past and present.

We will have daily English and phonics sessions. A reading pack will be sent home with on Fridays containing picture books to share, the book they have been reading in phonics and another new phonics book at the same level. It is so important to hear your child read, as well as read to your child, a little every day. It will make all the difference to how much progress they make. Please try to keep all the books together in the pack and return them, complete each week. It may not be possible to change individual book packs brought back late. Please keep a short, simple log of your child's reading in the journals provided. We will also have daily Maths lessons.

Homework will be set on Fridays, on Purple Mash. It will consist of a Mathletics task, spellings and Numbots practice. Please find the relevant logins in your child's book pack. Keep them safe at home. This term, Year 1 have PE lessons on Wednesday and Thursday. The children should wear normal uniform on PE days and they will change into their PE kit in school. Please bring PE kits every Monday, they will be returned on Fridays for washing. Please can you ensure that your child's PE kit (and all school uniform) is clearly labelled.

Year 1 is the start of a new phase in schooling and therefore an exciting year. We hope you and your children enjoy it and we look forward to meeting with you throughout the year. If you need to contact us, please do not hesitate to contact us on [nrolt@swoy.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:nrolt@swoy.lewisham.sch.uk) and [kjones@swoy.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:kjones@swoy.lewisham.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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