



Teacher Newsletter

Year One Autumn Term 2026



Welcome to Year One

We've had a great start to the term in Year One and have been so impressed to see how well the children have settled into their new environments. They're getting used to the routines, developing their friendships, and showing growing confidence in their learning. We have been enjoying the pirate theme in our English lessons and we know the children are looking forward to learning how to use the Chromebooks soon. It's encouraging to see their curiosity and enthusiasm developing day by day. Don't forget, we have an emphasis on encouraging on reading for pleasure — and that means *anything* your child enjoys, whether it's magazines, comics, graphic novels or even listening to audiobooks. You will receive information about our Reading Bingo Challenge and we are looking forward to sharing your child's new reads with the rest of the class. We're really looking forward to a busy and enjoyable term.

Staff:

Oak: Mrs Turner (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Hare (Thurs-Fri)

Beech: Mrs Grimes

Mrs Searle and Mrs Hudson work across Year One

Mr Kelly, Mrs McLellan, Mrs Stein and Mrs Spencer will cover PPA across Year One

Support staff are subject to change throughout the year.

If you need to speak to a teacher, we operate an open-door approach. The easiest time to catch us is after school, or you can contact the office team who will happily arrange a meeting or phone call.

PE

PE kits need to be in school every day. They will be sent home at half term for washing. **Please ensure all items are named.**

PE Days: (These are subject to change)

Oak Class –Monday and Friday

Beech Class- Tuesday and Wednesday

PE Kit

Plain t-shirt in house colour

Black shorts

Black jogging bottoms or shorts

Black plain jumper

If tights are worn, please include a spare pair of socks

Suitable trainers (not plimsolls or lace ups)

Pierced ears must be removed or covered with a plaster/tape. No jewellery to be worn.

Reminders

All children should have a coat and water bottle in school every day.

Woodlands – We plan to go to Woodlands once every term. We will let you know the date in advance.

Library Day- Library will be on a Wednesday in Oak and Tuesday in Beech. Please only send library books in on this day.

Packed Lunches– If your child has a packed lunch, please remember we are a nut free school.

Water Bottles – please ensure these have a covered lid and are not likely to spill if tipped over.

We provide the children with a healthy snack of fruit or vegetable each day.

Hair - Longer hair must be tied back, away from your child's face

Oak Through the Keyhole- Friday 18th September 2:45

Beech Through the Keyhole- Monday 21st September 2:45

Reading

At Redbourn Primary, we place great importance on supporting children's reading. Each week, your child will read a **Monster Phonics book** in school at least twice to develop fluency and confidence before bringing it home to share with you. In addition, they will take home **two further reading books** to enjoy together over the week, helping to broaden their reading experience and nurture a love of books.

Reading records and the Monster Phonics book should be in school every day, as they may have opportunities to read to additional adults if appropriate.

Reading aloud to your child will also help to develop their reading skills. Whilst you are reading they can:

- Talk about characters or what they can see in pictures
- Make predictions about what might happen next
- Point out words they know
- Join in with rhymes or repeating phrases

Hearing adults read helps children to develop:

- An enjoyment of reading
- Vocabulary
- Imagination

Home Learning

- No more than 35 minutes a week should be spent on Home Learning tasks.
- Hear your child read- ideally 10 minutes daily. Please record this in their Reading Record.
- Logins can be found in your child's Reading Record.
- Encourage reading of other books
- At least weekly access on Reading Eggs
- Regular use of Numberbots
- From half term- up to 6 words to practise spelling.
- Task from White Rose Maths Practice Journal- this will be set on a Friday, to be returned by Wednesday.

THRIVE Values

Autumn A: Teamwork

We are a team. We are honest and trustworthy. We are effective listeners and communicators. We co-operate with one another. We are helpful and we show empathy.

Autumn B: Healthy

We are healthy. We look after our physical and mental wellbeing. We are happy, we are resilient and we have a growth mind-set.