



Autumn 1 2025 Newsletter

KS1



Welcome to Year 1 and 2!

We would like to welcome all of our families back to Scargill after the summer break. We hope you are all well and we are so pleased to be warmly welcoming your child into our classes. Our aim is to inspire, support and encourage your child to fulfil their potential and thrive during their time in KS1.

Department Staff

We have two classes in KS1; Year 1: Badgers taught by Miss Clutterbuck

Year 2: Rabbits taught by Miss Lang

All teachers have PPA, therefore Mrs Brown teaches Rabbits each Tuesday afternoon, whilst Mr Askew teaches Badgers all day each Monday.

Mrs Perry, Miss Bletcher, Miss Speller, Mrs Bull, Miss Smith, Miss Clarke, Mrs Trueman, Miss Dexter, Mrs Brown and Mrs Marshall– will be supporting 1:1 children with SEND.



The children have had a fantastic first week back at school, and it has been wonderful to see so many of them looking so smart in their uniforms and ready for learning.

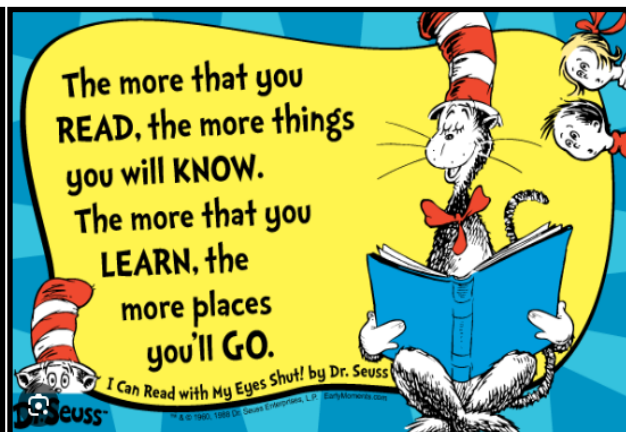
To help us return any misplaced items quickly, please make sure that all clothing and belongings are clearly labeled with your child's name. This way, their clothes can always find their way back to the right child.

Reading

Reading is such an important life skill and helps all children to access learning at school. Daily reads are an essential element of your child's reading progression. As your child progresses into and through KS1 we would like to thank you in advance for your continued support with home reading because it really does make the greatest difference to children's ability and confidence.

Remember that reading for pleasure can be reading any book at home, a sign, recipe, comic strip or magazine as well as your child's school reading book.

Please log all reads in your child's new reading record, this can be in the form of a comment or simply just an initial to acknowledge a read has taken place.





Read a Rainbow!



Year 1 continue to follow the Little Wandle phonics programme and as such have group reading whilst in school. This is also the case for any Year 2 children who are securing their reading abilities. Each Wednesday these children will take their reading book home to share with you at home. By the time your child takes their book home they should be reading with 100% accuracy, so it should appear easy for them to read. Reading at this stage involves reading with prosody, developing comprehension and recognising more words on sight, rather than overly sounding and blending. We use the Little Wandle assessment to ensure children are on the right book level throughout the year, just as they did in Reception. Sometimes this may mean having the same book more than once- this is perfectly normal, as re-reading a book means that skills can be applied which may not have been so secure on the first read.

In addition to the phonic reading book children will also take home a library book which they can change as often as they like as we have reading areas in our classrooms. In addition Mrs Bull and Miss Dexter will be opening up our school library after school each Wednesday for a perfect time to pop in with your child.

We love to encourage and reward our children for reading, therefore in KS1 all children will be given a red bookmark which has a caterpillar on with 25 segments. Every time your child reads at home or hears someone else read at home they should colour one segment of the caterpillar and the adult needs to record the reading in the reading record (no need to write lots- this just helps to be sure that children are reading at home and colouring in the segments to match). When they have coloured all 25 segments they need to hand in their bookmark, where they will then be given a certificate and an orange bookmark. This process continues until they have completed all the coloured bookmarks.

Phonics and Spelling

Year 1 will continue to progress through the Little Wandle phonics scheme with a daily phonics lesson. Each Friday a sheet will be sent home to share the graphemes and digraphs we have been working on along with some spellings which have been the focus for the week. Please support your child with these, like we said previously your help really does make a difference in embedding their learning.

We understand that some Year 2 children may not have quite completed the phonics programme and therefore these children will be revisiting and developing their phonic knowledge.

The majority of Year 2 children will move onto the Little Wandle spelling programme to support their confidence and ability to apply key spelling rules.

To explain a little more about phonics, spelling and reading we would like to invite Y1 parents in for a briefing meeting– check out the important dates to find out when this will take place!



Autumn 1 - Our Y2 Curriculum

English

Non-Fiction -

Jack's Diary (Recount)

Fiction -

Journey (Description)

Oracy



Maths

Numbers to 100

Addition and Subtraction

Science

Living Things and their Habitats



Computing

Making Music



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Geography

What do we know about our home island?

Art

Drawing - Telling a Story



PSHE

Being Me



Thrive

Our individual class focus



Religion and Worldviews

Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?



Music

Our home island



PE

Outdoor PE: Fundamentals

Indoor PE: Gymnastics



Rabbits PE days are Mondays and Thursdays.

Please ensure earrings are removed on these days. All PE kit items must be labelled- it really helps us to return items if they have names on!

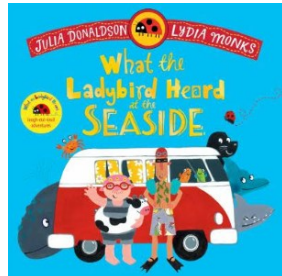
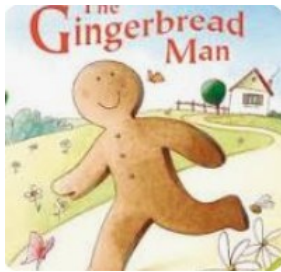


Autumn 1 - Our Y1 Curriculum

English

The Gingerbread man – retelling the story through drama and written sentences.

Postcard writing, inspired by 'What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside' by Julia Donaldson. English occurs daily.



Maths

Place value within 10

Addition and subtraction within 10

Science

Animals including humans. Thinking about

different animal groups and their features.



Computing

Logging on and becoming familiar with Purple Mash. Online safety including privacy and security.

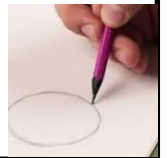


Geography

What can we see around our school? Finding out about physical and human features.

Art

Drawing - Exploring line and shape



PSHE

Being Me



Thrive

Our individual class focus



Religion and Worldviews

What do Christians believe God is like?



Music

Keeping the pulse.

Using body, voice and instruments.



PE

Outdoor PE: fundamentals

Indoor PE: Gymnastics



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are Badger PE days.

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Supporting English



We have subscribed for our Y1 children to have access to the Nessy app for reading and spellings along with writing. Further information regarding this will be sent by the end of week 1. Children can then access this at home– 15 minutes 3 times a week is really helpful.

A few gentle reminders for the new term!

Water Bottles

Please provide your child with a suitability sized, named plastic water bottle. Please do not send disposable water bottles, as we are working hard to reduce waste and to encourage the children to use less single use plastic.

Snacks

Please note that fresh fruit/vegetables are provided for KS1 daily.

Upcoming dates: (Please refer to our whole school newsletter for any additional or updated dates)

29.9.25 2:45pm Y1 phonics parent meeting

10.10.25 - Hello Yellow Day - Wear something yellow!

20.10.25/23.10.25 - Parent's Evenings

24.10.25 - Break-up for half-term

3.11.25 Return to school

20.11.25 Y1 Jewish visitor workshop

9.12.25, 10.12.25 & 11.12.25 Reception & KS1 Nativity

NUT ALLERGIES



Please be aware that we have children in school who could have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nut traces. Please only send your children to school with packed lunches that do not contain nuts or products containing nut traces. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads/products that contain nut traces or MAY contain nut traces.

Thank you!

Communication

The easiest way to contact us in the Y1 & 2 team is by using our email address:

Y1-2department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

Please do not use this email to inform us if your child is absent– you must contact the school office. Please be aware that we check emails when possible, and may take a couple of days to reply.

We will also use phone calls, texts, X (Twitter), and the school website to keep you informed. We are looking forward to a wonderful Autumn 1 with your child.

If you have any questions or if there is anything else that we can help you with then please don't hesitate to contact us.

Miss Lang and Miss Clutterbuck

Homework

Children will have 2 types of homework; one week it will be paper based, and the following week it will be set online using Purple Mash and My Maths. This means your child has just under two weeks to complete each set of homework. The login details for these will be sent during the first couple of weeks of term 1.

It is worth purchasing a glue stick as paper-based homework will be sent with your child's homework book. Once your child has completed their homework, then this must be stuck into their book to ensure it can be returned safely to school. Homework books must be returned to school by the Wednesday in readiness for the next set of paper homework.

