

What a joyful start to the term it's been! Our Year 1 children have arrived with beaming smiles and boundless enthusiasm, stepping confidently into the new challenges ahead. It's been wonderful watching their friendship groups expand and change, welcoming in our 3 new starters!

Mathematics

We have been exploring numbers to 5, focusing on their composition and practising subitising (recognising quantities without counting). We have played lots of snakes and ladders and throwing games, ensuring we are counting out the correct amount.

English

In Writing, we kicked off our journey with Naughty Bus. We discussed everything we know about buses, what we would like to find out and met the Naughty Bus character from our story! We have been focussing on the basics of our writing, holding the pencil correctly and using our phonics. We used magnetic letters to write instructions for the bus, and worked on our dictation skills - remembering a sentence and writing it down.

Reading/Phonics - This week in Phonics we revisited some familiar sounds - 'air', 'ear' and 'ar'. Our tricky words were: have, like, love, you, so, no, go, I. In the upcoming weeks we will be reassessing the children's reading levels, so please bear with us if your child receives a book they have already read. Reading books are given out on Wednesday and returned on Monday.

PATHS

Our PATHS lessons welcomed back some familiar animal friends - Twiggle, Henrietta, Duke and Daphne. We created a class charter and reintroduced the much-loved "Child of the Day" and our compliments list. We start each PATHS lesson discussing how we are feeling to encourage children to confidently express and share their feelings.

Foundation Subjects

In Geography we started learning all about our local area, Balham. We created our own maps and included our favourite places, Jeffersons and the Bus Park! RE saw us begin the topic *Welcoming New Life*, reflecting on how we celebrate new family members and special life events. And in Art, we got creative mixing primary colours to discover beautiful tertiary shades. It's been a vibrant and inspiring week - well done, Year 1!



HOME LEARNING

Year 1 Home Learning

12.09.25

Mathematics	English	Optional Task - PATHS
Can you write your numbers 1-10? Can you write them in different colours? 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	We can't wait to learn all about you! Please can you complete the All About Me sheet attached below? All About Me 	Can you teach your family how to do the turtle? 

Reading

Please read with your child each day. Please sign for each day your child reads.
My child has read their 'Sharing Book' or 'Reading Practice Book' book on the following days:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday

KEY INFORMATION AND DATES

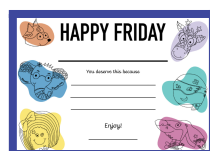
- Reading books are sent home on Wednesday and returned on Monday.
 - PE days are Monday and Wednesday
- year 1 Parents Phonics talk 8.30-9.30 lower hall 29th September

Have you synced our school calendar with your android or apple device? Follow the instructions on the [calendar page](#) on our school website.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Arthur



Roma



Next Week!

Head over to the [weekly newsletter](#) on our school website to see who else was awarded this week.

Rights Respecting School



We are a Rights Respecting School and we believe every child, young person and the school community should learn about children's rights, putting them into practice every day.

We hope that this will have a positive impact on children's lives by making:

- Children healthier and happier
- Children feel safe
- Children have better relationships
- Children become active and involved in school life and the wider world



Children fulfilling their potential in the heart of the community

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