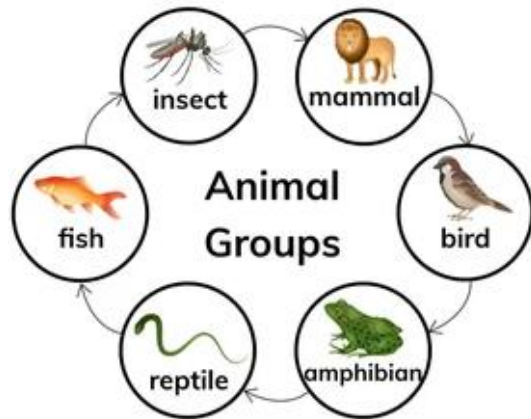


Year 1 Newsletter

January 2026



Term 3 and 4

Arundel Class teachers: Mrs Rathbone: Mon- Tue
Mrs Kington Wed-Fri

Bodiam Class teachers: Mrs Webster: Mon
Tue- Friday Mrs Speight

Diary dates

Please be aware that more dates may be added in due course.

Wednesday 4th March - Wakehurst Place Science Trip

HALF TERM - 16th - 20st February

Information

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, they are available for a quick chat after school, or you can email queries to the year 1 email address year1@st-marks.kent.sch.uk

Please ensure your child has a coat and water bottle in school.

P.E

Arundel will have P.E on a Tuesday & Friday

Bodiam will have P.E on a Tuesday & Friday

Your child will need to arrive in appropriate PE kit (jogging bottoms if it is cold) and will remain in their kit all day.

English:

In English we will be continuing to explore plenty of high-quality texts to support the children's love of books. We will be using the books "The Storm Whale" We will be continuing to use our phonics knowledge to help construct sentences.

We will be using pronouns, nouns, and adjectives to improve our writing.

D.T:

In Term 3, we will be looking at Puppets. We will explore how to attach fabrics then, we will design, make, and decorate our very own puppets.

Reading:

We hope you are enjoying the Little Wandle books. We are still doing 3 sessions of reading a week. The book must be brought in every day. We look at different reading skills such as decoding, prosody and comprehension. It is important that the children read their schoolbook at home. Just 10 minutes a day really makes a difference! Reads will be counted every Thursday. When you get to 100 reads your child can pick a special book from our reading cabinet.

Maths:

In Maths we will be learning about place value within 20. We will be looking at addition and subtraction within 20 before moving on to place value within 50.

Later in the term, we will be learning about measurement of height, length, mass and volume.

History & Geography

In Term 3, our focus is 'How am I making History?'. We will be exploring how we can find out about our own personal history and how we remember special events. We will also be finding out what childhood was like for our parents and grandparents.

In Term 4, our focus shifts to 'What is the Weather Like in the UK?'. We will name and locate the 4 countries of the UK, identify the 4 seasons, identify the 4 compass directions and observe and describe daily weather patterns.

Naming clothing!

We cannot stress enough how important it is that all jumpers, cardigans, hats and gloves are named, as well as coats! At the moment, it is especially important that children can identify their own belongings.

Science:

In Science our topic is Animals, and we will be learning to identify and name a variety of common animals and to put them into appropriate groups. We will look at why some animals fall within particular groups and consider their key characteristics. We will explore mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles and fish. We will also be looking at seasonal change, planting and caring for the planet.

R.E:

In R.E. we are learning about Christianity and the Gospels. Christians believe that Jesus brings good news for all people, and we will learn about this news and the ideas of friendship, forgiveness and peace. We will look at how Jesus spread his good news through parables, which are stories with an important message. We will look at The Parables of the Lost Sheep, The Tax Collector, The Good Samaritan and The Ten Lepers amongst others. We will also look at why Easter matters to Christians.

Home learning:

Please continue to support your children in reading and spelling Year 1 High Frequency Words, as this will support their writing in the coming weeks. Please also continue to support your child with Big Maths.