

Year 1 Newsletter

6th January 2026

Class Teacher - Mrs Winter

TA - Miss Collins

Hello everyone and welcome back!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break.

We are looking forward to getting back into our routines and continuing lots of fun learning. We would like to take some time to revisit some information and to help get back into our new term in Year 1.

As always, please feel free to come and speak to any of the Year 1 team with any questions or queries you may have. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs Winter via our class email address (dtcyear1@tudhoeacolliery.co.uk) or the school office (01388 814 399).

Homework

Just a reminder homework with completed spellings should be handed in every Monday. New stickers for spelling will be added and points added for time on the bouncy castle on rewards morning. Well done for all your hard work last term, you all did an amazing job. If children do not have new stickers it may be for a number of reasons, please just drop us an email and we will make sure they get them.

Please ensure your child's Phonics reading books are in their book bag every day.

The children read every morning when they arrive in class.

Phonics videos are sent each Friday. It makes a big difference for children to be accessing this additional learning at home and we would like to encourage everyone to support children to access these weekly moving forward.

Clothing



We aim to keep the children as active as possible during break and lunch times and therefore all children will need to wear practical footwear for school. Velcro shoes are most practical if children cannot tie shoe laces. We encourage children to develop their independence, so children are also encouraged to fasten their own coats. Please ensure clothing and footwear are named.

During the cold months, please ensure your child brings a hat, gloves and warm coat.



Numbots is not compulsory, however it is lots of fun and children can earn certificates for completed each level of their game. The children develop an instant recall of key number facts and build a secure and genuine mathematical understanding.

Fruit



As part of the National Fruit Scheme, EYFS and Key Stage 1 children receive fruit or vegetables daily. Children can also bring in their own snack if they prefer, however this must be a healthy snack from home e.g. a cereal bar or fruit. Chocolate and crisps are not allowed. Thank you for your support.

P.E -Change of days

Children will be required to come into school dressed in their PE kit (joggers/shorts, t-shirt and a jumper) on a Monday. If your child wears earrings, they will need to be removed by your child, removed before school, or tape can be provided for the PE session.

Dream Reads

We will be continuing our popular 'Dream Read' scheme in class. This is designed to provide children with opportunities to share age related childhood books with their adults at home. The books are designed to be read by the adult and this provides brilliant learning opportunities. The children choose their Dream Read book every Friday, therefore all Dream Read books need to be returned every **Friday**.

We discourage children from putting water bottles in their bags as they often leak and damage school books. Accidents do happen with books that have been brought home, so if this happens please let us know so we can discuss a replacement book so other children do not miss out.

What we will be learning this term.

We have lots of fun learning opportunities this term. We will be covering the following topics.

Geography - 5 oceans, 7 continent

History - Victorians

Science - Animals including humans

RE - What can we find out about Buddha

PE - Attack, defend & shoot

Art - Abstract Architecture

DT - Wheels and axels

Music - How does music make the world a better place? & How does music help us to understand our neighbours?

PHSCE - Staying Healthy & Money

Awards / rewards

We are super lucky in Year one as there are lots of rewards up for grabs each week!

Independence Award is given to the child based on both independence points and being a good role model in class during the week. Independence points are used throughout the day and are given based on the behaviour wheel. The lucky child will get to take home our class Arthur.

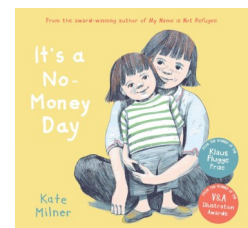
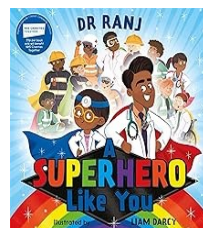
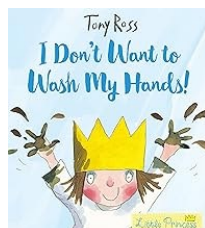
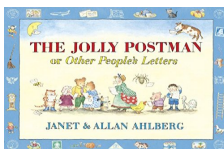
Gold Writer Award is given to the child who has tried extremely hard in writing.

Arthur postcards are still up for grabs and we can't wait for you to collect many more postcards as the term gets underway!

Kinetic Letters



Some of the books we will read this term:



If you ever have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Winter