



Year 1 Newsletter Summer Term 2026



Welcome back Year 1!

Website Reminder

We will be updating our website with pictures and videos of the children's learning. Make sure you visit the class pages on the academy website. Find us at: www.oldcleeprimaryacademy.co.uk then click the 'Children' tab, followed by 'Year Group' and Year 1.



Social Media Reminder

We are using our school media accounts frequently, so please follow us on Facebook (@Old Clee Primary Academy) and Twitter (@OldCleePA), to see what the children have been up to!

Curriculum

Art & DT: In Art, we will continue developing our study of artists by looking at the work of the 18th Century English painter Thomas Gainsborough. He produces the most amazing detailed portraits. We will be comparing his work to that of the artists Rembrandt and Andy Warhol. In DT, we are looking forward to our topic on food and making some tasty treats. We will also be designing and making our own hand puppets.



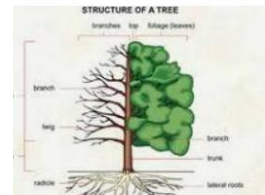
Geography: We will use our geographical language to write about differences and similarities of countries in the United Kingdom and develop our recall about what we have learnt so far.

History: We have learnt so much about our historical event The Great Fire of London, and our local Fishing Heritage. This term the focus is significant people and we will be learning about Florence Nightingale and how her actions have impacted our present nursing.

RE: In RE, we will be looking at Christianity with a focus on community and comparing celebrations and beliefs.

Science: Our understanding of plants, animals and the Earth's movements will be developed further this term. We will look at leaf shapes and tree identification, comparing humans and study the seasons and how to stay safe in the sun.

Mathematics: Maths will focus on the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will develop their mathematical skills through daily fluency, reasoning and problem-solving activities. Using the 'say what you see, use what you know' philosophy and the concrete, pictorial, abstract method of maths teaching helps the children understand, visualise and manipulate ways of problem solving to become confident mathematicians.



English: English will focus on a variety of fiction, non-fiction and poetry activities across the term. This term we are looking at writing noun phrases and using the conjunction 'and' to extend our sentences. We will continue to re-tell and re-invent chosen stories to encourage the development of sentence structure.



Computers: We will be using our skills to program animations. The children will build up their knowledge to use algorithms to create a program.

Habits of mind: In Autumn, our Habit of Mind focus was striving for accuracy and persisting. In Spring, questioning and problem posing plus thinking and communicating with clarity and precision. Our focus for summer term will be thinking independently and thinking flexibly.



Homework

Each week, your child will be given a list of spellings to learn. These spellings will have a specific sound focus to help match their spelling with their phonic knowledge. Please support your child and help them to learn these words. New spellings will be given out on a Friday and a spelling test will take place the following **Friday**. The maths focus this term will be a variety of problem solving activities based on our current learning objectives. We encourage home reading as the benefits of home reading are huge. Please record in the green record book when you have read a book. Each time the children read 10 times, they get a certificate and jigsaw piece for their book.

Year 1 P.E. session will be every **Wednesday**. PE kit is to be worn on these days. Jewellery will also need to be removed prior to the P.E. session for health and safety reasons – this cannot be done by a member of staff or another child in the class so please manage this at home.

General reminder:

We recommend that all children bring a water bottle in to school daily, especially as we are leaning into the warmer months. **This must contain fresh water only.** For hygiene reasons, they must be taken home, washed

and refilled daily. They must be clearly labelled. Children can refill them during the school day too. Anything other than water will not be allowed to be consumed by your child during the school day unless you can provide written medical evidence from your GP explaining why this cannot be so. On receiving this you will then need to fill in a Medical Health Care plan. If your child has a packed lunch, a second drink should be included. However, no fizzy drinks are allowed to be brought into school. Children having school lunches will be provided with water.

Dates for your Diary

Every Wednesday: PE Day

Every Friday: New spellings and maths focus given out. (KIRFs fortnightly)

Kindest regards,

The Year One Teaching Team