November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a good half term break, and the children are excited for the half-term ahead.

Curriculum
This half-term sees us start our first **geography** unit, 'Our World'. The children will learn about the countries that make up the United Kingdom and study the countries they feel connected to, either through family, travel or interests. We will also be introducing them to the 7 continents and 5 oceans.

Our **science** topic is 'Seasonal Change'. We will be observing changes across the seasons, looking at weather forecasts and making weather observations.

In **English**, we will continue to focus on writing simple sentences. We will be reminding children to leave finger spaces between words, to have a capital letter at the beginning of every sentence and a full stop at the end.

In **maths**, our units of work are: 'Addition and Subtraction within 10', 'Shape' and 'Numbers up to 20'.

In **phonics**, we will be learning the phase 5 sounds.

In **music**, we will be focusing on pitch and timbre by listening to music, singing songs and playing instruments.

In our **religion and worldviews** unit, we will continue with 'Where do we belong?' We will be talking about how we belong to families and communities and that some people belong to belief or faith communities.

Our Personal Social Health Education (**PSHE**) unit of work will be 'Health and Relationships'.

In **D&T,** we will be making fabric puppets towards the end of the term.

Our **computing** unit of work is 'Handling Data'.

In **PE** we will be focusing on games, as well as learning the dance for the school play.
Please ensure children come to school dressed in their PE kits. They can wear leggings or tracksuit bottoms, a t-shirt/jumper, and will need to be wearing trainers.

Spare clothes
We would really appreciate if spare clothes, particularly trousers, leggings and socks could be packed in the children's bags due to colder and wetter weather. If you have any spare clothes that your child does not need any more, please give them to your child's class teacher.

Weekly overviews, which give details about what your child is learning in class, can be found on Parent hub weekly.

Visit the Classroom will take place on **Wednesday 18th November** this term from 8:45- 9:05am. We hope you can join us.

The school play:
This year the school production will be 'Annie'. Each class will learn a dance and perform it on the stage. Our song will be 'Zoo' – by Shakira.

Dates for your diaries:

Trip to see the LSO at the Barbican – 9th November
Autumn Festival – 14th November (3 -7pm) West Playground
Parents' Evening – 18th November (4-8pm) West Hall
Visit the Year 1 Classrooms – 18th November (8:45am – 9:05am)
Winter Concert – 16th December (3.45pm onwards) West Hall
Last day of term & Toy Day – 18th December

We're looking forward to another busy, successful and happy half term.

Yours sincerely

The Year 1 Team