



# Our Year 1 Classroom News

## Autumn Term Information

### Welcome message

Hello and welcome to all of our new Year 1 children and parents & carers. We are really looking forward to meeting and getting to know all of you in September.

We have many mini topics that we'll look at throughout the term, with each one lasting a week, sometimes two. The first topic, Identity, will help us all learn about the children and each other.

Our fantastic continuous provision supports the children with the transition from Reception to Year 1 and we have lots of fun activities planned!

Katie Dawson, Sam Pepper, Peter Watts, Ayse Ulus  
& the Year 1 team

### English and Maths

**In English** we will be joining Drawing Club! Who doesn't want to be part of a club? We will read a variety of picture books, such as Incredible Me, Dinosaur Department Store, The Odd Fish, Rama & Sita and The Gingerbread Man to name just a few! We will look at their characters, settings and then we will adventure out of the books using our imagination. We always start by drawing a picture and then we write about it. Our focus is building on sentence structure.

**In Maths** we will build upon prior knowledge of place value within 10 to include counting forwards and backwards, fewer and more than. We will also look at addition and subtraction, number bonds, fact families and the part part whole model.

For the **Wider Curriculum**, please see the attached overview.



### Things to remember

**PE:** All children will be required to wear their Outdoor PE kits every Tuesday.

**Reading:** Please ensure book bags are brought to school daily, as books will be changed when children have read with a class adult. One new book will be issued for the week to develop fluency and increase comprehension. We really appreciate help, from an adult or older sibling at home, listening, reading and sharing books with your children daily. All children will visit the library every Tuesday. They will bring one book home to be returned the following week, unless they haven't finished it.

**Homework:** Phonics homework will be sent home every week. To accompany this, there is also a help sheet for parents. This will help you understand what your child has been learning throughout the week. Your child will also receive a Numbots log in to practise maths each day for 5 minutes at home. We will go through the homework expectations in the Year 1 Parent Meet the Teacher at 9am on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

### Important Dates

2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	INSET days – <b>School closed to pupils</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Children back to school
10 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 9am	Parents – Meet the Teacher
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent, Carer & Teacher Meetings
25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	INSET day – <b>School closed to pupils</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	WE Scare Hunger! Dress Up Day – Food Bank Donation
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 9am	Green Park Class Assembly
17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec – 9.15am	Reception & Year 1 Christmas Performances

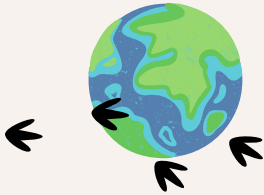
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**IDENTITY**



**PLANETS**



**OUR WORLD & DINOSAURS**



**HINDUISM**



**ASIA**

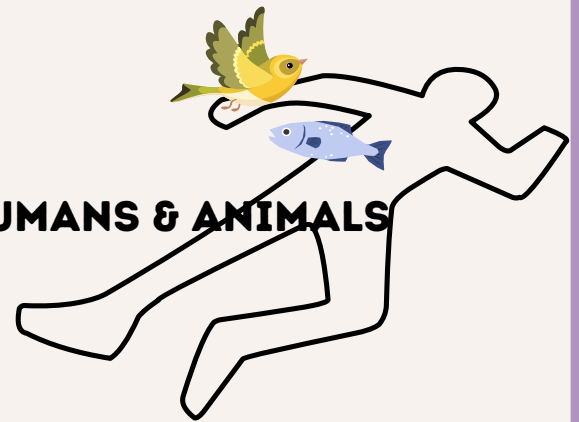


**NORTH AMERICA**

**CHRISTMAS**

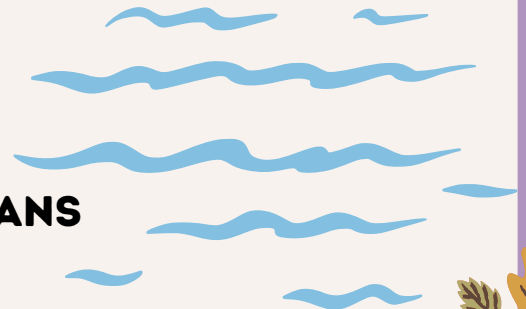


**NEW BEGINNINGS**



**HUMANS & ANIMALS**

**THE NATURAL WORLD**



**OCEANS**



**AFRICA**

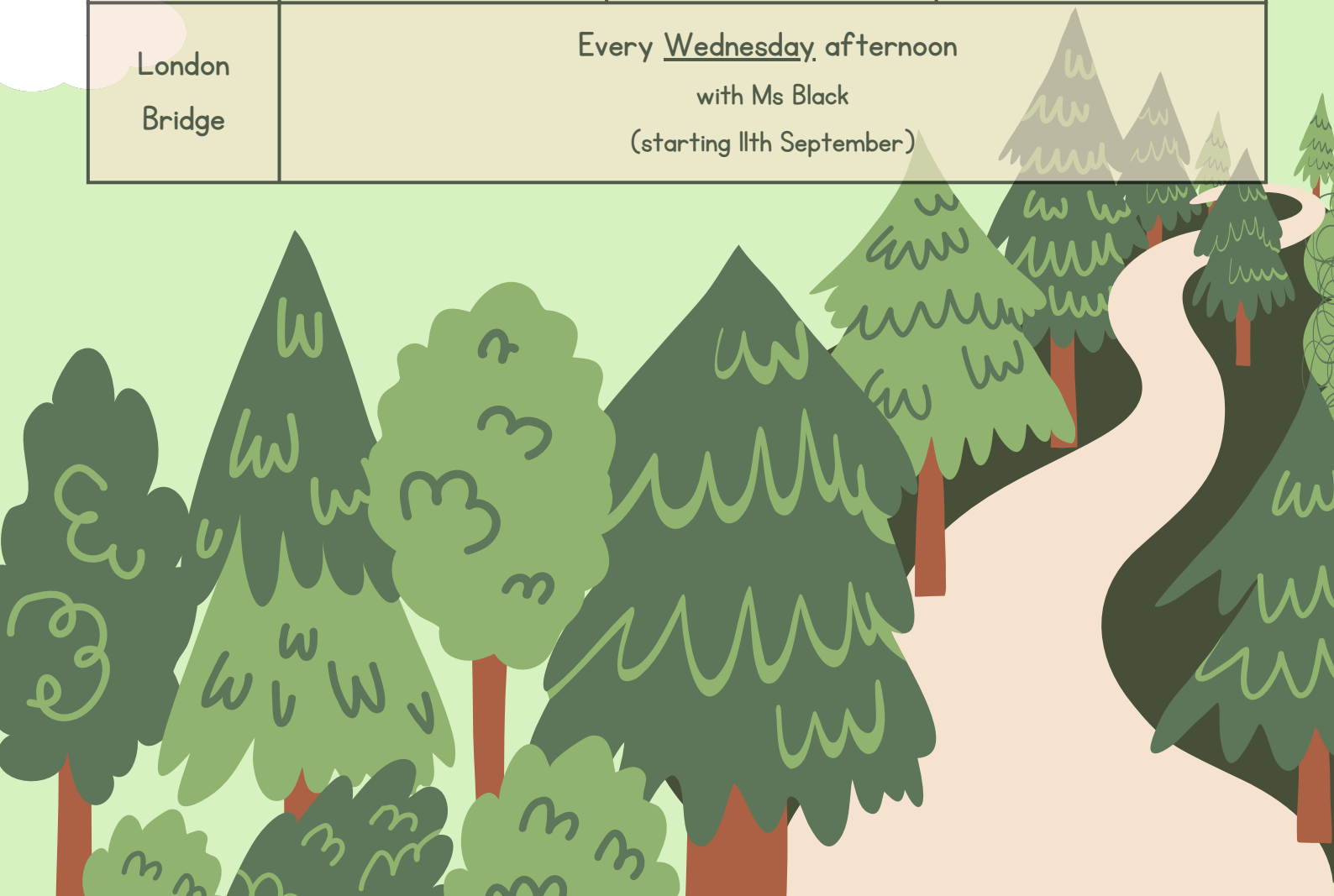
**SOUTH AMERICA**



# FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School will take place on a Thursday afternoon. We will rotate the classes every half term to help observe seasonal changes. Children must wear old clothing and appropriate footwear for the whole day when it is their turn to attend Forest School.

Tower Hill	Autumn 1 with Mr Watts (starting 12th Sept)	Spring 1 with Mr Watts	Summer 1 with Mr Watts
Green Park	Autumn 2 with Mr Watts	Spring 2 with Mr Watts	Summer 2 with Mr Watts
London Bridge	Every <u>Wednesday</u> , afternoon with Ms Black (starting 11th September)		


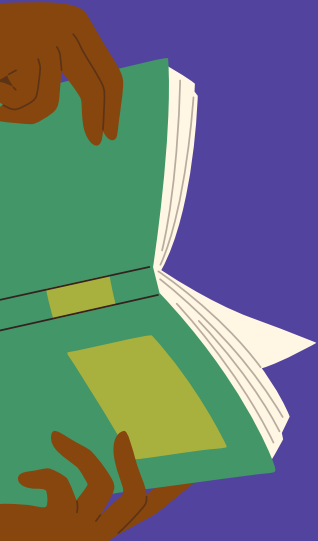




# PARENT READING

BOOKS ARE THE WINDOWS TO AN INFINITE  
WORLD OF WISDOM

WE WOULD LOVE TO WELCOME YOU IN TO READ  
WITH YOUR CHILDREN FROM 8.40 – 8.50AM.  
PLEASE FIND THE DATES BELOW:



TERM	DATES
AUTUMN	20th September, 4th & 18th October 8th & 22nd November, 6th December
SPRING	17th & 31st January, 14th February 7th & 21st March, 4th April
SUMMER	2nd & 16th May 13th & 27th June, 11th July

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU LEAVE THROUGH THE MAIN  
GATES BEFORE THEY CLOSE!

