



Year 1 Autumn Newsletter 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! We hope you and your child have had an enjoyable summer holiday and are well rested for the start of this new school year. We are so excited about our first term of Year 1 and can't wait to see all the learning and achievements the children make.

Staffing in Year 1:

Miss Foster (Tulip Class Teacher)
Miss Hopkins (Daisy Class Teacher)

Miss Hall (Tulip Class TA)
Mrs Talpau / Miss Simpkins (Daisy Class TAs)



English

In English, we will start the year with a focus on handwriting and oracy as well as our place value of punctuation and grammar scheme of work. This will focus on common and proper nouns, being verbs and action verbs, and finally building single-clause sentences punctuated with a capital letter and full stop. We will apply this learning with our first text which is a picture book with comic book conventions called 'Traction Man is Here'. Our focus is to explore, interpret and respond to the picture book. The children will have opportunities to write in role, write captions for pictures, letter writing and narrative writing.



Geography

We will be looking at weather and seasons in Geography this term. The children will look at how the year is organised into months and seasons, the differences between the seasons, what type of clothing is worn in different weather and thinking about how weather can affect different jobs.



Maths

This term, we will be developing the children's understanding of numbers to 10 including place value and addition and subtraction including writing and counting forwards and backwards and exploring how to represent numbers in different ways. We will also be looking at shape and problem-solving skills.

Please help your child with their mental maths fluency by using 'NUMBOTS', 'Hit the Button' on Topmarks or '1 minute maths app' at home as much as possible.



Science

In Science, we will be looking at animals including humans with a focus on ourselves. The children will explore how we change as we get older and will look at our senses and the body parts associated with these. We will also be exploring materials including wood, plastic, glass, metal and rock. The children will be looking at properties of materials such as melting, freezing, floating, sinking and absorbency. We will also be observing over time with a focus on the seasonal changes of autumn and winter.



PE - Tuesday and Thursday. Our units this term will include fundamentals, gymnastics, ball skills and fitness.

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct PE kit, including: either shorts or plain black jogging bottoms, school logo P.E t-shirt, school jumper/cardigan or school logo hoodie and trainers. Please make sure your child is able to take their earrings out for P.E or does not wear them on these days.



History

In History, our unit is 'How am I making history?' The children will look at similarities and differences, personal chronology, how we remember events and explore what childhood was like for our parents and grandparents.



RE

In R.E, we will be exploring two big questions 'How can we be kind to our neighbours' and 'How can your clothes be an expression of faith?'

Throughout our learning, we will make sense of a range of religious and non-religious beliefs, understand the impact and significance of these beliefs and make connections between religious and non-religious beliefs, concepts, practices and ideas studied.



Homework

Your child will receive a homework folder. An activity will be put inside this folder each Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday.

Please **read with your child at home as much as possible** as this will greatly help their learning. Please sign their reading records each day they read with you as the children will get stickers and prizes depending on how much they read at home.



Computing

In Computing we will be looking at computer systems and networks by exploring technology around us and using the ICT suite. We will then use our knowledge of computer systems to create digital paintings using clicking, dragging and dropping skills.



Art/DT

Our Art unit will be monochromatic where the children will use pencils to create line, shape and explore value. In DT, the children will be making healthy smoothies for our cooking and nutrition unit.



Music

In our Music lessons, we will develop our understanding of pulse and rhythm as well as tempo, listen and discuss a range of music, play some musical instruments and perform songs.

Values

Our values remain important to us at Ramridge, as we are very proud of being a values accredited school. We look to encompass these in everything we do.

September – Respect
October – Responsibility
November – Patience
December – Generosity

It is important your child feels secure and happy in school, and communication between parents and teachers is a priority. Therefore, if you do have any further questions or problems please do not hesitate to come and see your child's class teacher or email the school.

Please remember to regularly visit our class pages on the school website www.ramridge.co.uk and follow us on twitter [@RamridgePrimary](https://twitter.com/RamridgePrimary) or like us on Facebook – **Ramridge Primary School**.

Thank you in advance for your support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Foster (Tulip)

Miss Hopkins (Daisy)