



Year 1 Curriculum Letter

Spring 2
2026

Welcome back Year 1!

We hope you have had a restful break! If you have any questions about your child's progress or other matters, please speak to your class teacher or Mrs Pindoria by making an appointment via the email learning@wembleyprimary.brent.sch.uk There is a lot to do this half term, so we hope this letter will enable you to support your child with their learning at home.

English

This half term the children will be focusing on **Ernest the Elephant** and **Jack and the Beanstalk**.

Children will be:

- Making predictions
- Using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in their writing.
- Using suffixes.
- Retelling key events of the stories.

How can you help your child at home?

Encourage them to practise their handwriting and learn the Year 1 harder to read and spell words/ high frequency words that are sent home.

Useful website:

www.learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org

Science

Our topic this half term is **caring for our planet, animals and seasons**. We will begin by identifying and naming a variety of common animals and identifying those that are carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores. We will also be talking about how to care for our planet.

Seasons

The children will be observing, describing and recording the changes in the weather over Spring.

Computing

This term the children will be focussing on digital writing. They will learn how to use a computer to create and change text. They will practise typing on a keyboard and begin to use tools to change the look of their writing.

Design and Technology

In DT this term the children in year 1 will be exploring stability. Children will be designing stable towers and look at stabilising weight. The end objective will be to design and make their own pencil pot.

History

The children will be learning about how toys have changed over time. They will be comparing toys from the past and present by looking at similarities and differences. Please ask your child to choose **1** toy they enjoy playing with and bring it into school on the first week of term.

Music

Music will be delivered by the music teacher who will be focusing on physicalising beat and rhythm. Developing singing in steps and skips.

Religion and World Views

This half term, children will be focusing on what people believe God looks like and what God's job role is. Children will be looking at the Hindu, Muslim and Christian perspectives.

PSHE

Children will be discussing **feelings**. They will be exploring good and not so good feelings.

Maths

Our focus this half term will be **Place Value** within 50 and **Length and Height** and **Mass and Volume**.

Place Value within 50

Children will be:

- *Counting from 20 to 50
- *Counting by making groups of ten
- * Partitioning numbers into tens and ones

Length and height

Children will be:

- * Comparing lengths and heights
- *Measuring length in centimetres

Mass and Volume

*Comparing Mass using heavier and lighter

Useful websites:

Oak Academy: (Number and Place value) [Unit - Oak National Academy \(thenational.academy\)](https://www.oak-academy.com/unit-oak-national-academy)

Bitesize ([Place value, length and height](https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/ks1-maths))- [KS1 Maths - BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/ks1-maths)

P.E

P.E lessons will be taught by a specialist P.E teacher. Children will be exploring throwing and catching.

Children must come in their P.E kits on their allocated days.

Thank you

Mrs Mehta 1W Mrs Qaisrani 1P Mrs Hussain 1S Mrs Mayani 1F



Year 1 Home Learning Spring 2

Please complete the challenges below by Monday 23rd March 2026.
Learning is to be submitted in your red home learning book.

Science - Caring for the planet

In science, we will be focusing on caring for our planet. Can you make a poster on how to care for our planet? For example, you can draw and write about recycling and saving water by turning off the tap.



Design and technology - Stabilising

In DT this term, the children in year 1 are learning about how to make structures with stability. Have a go at making towers using Lego and building blocks with stability and balance.



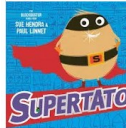
English—Stories

Have you read a good book recently? Tell us all about it!

Draw a picture of your favourite character and describe it.

Don't forget to use:

- * A Capital letter
- * Finger spaces
- * A full stop



ELS

Use a phonics sound mat to help you.

Whole school project – Children’s Mental Health week

This year, as part of our whole school project for Children’s Mental Health Week, we are holding a competition inspired by this year’s Place2Be theme, ‘belonging’.

KS1 Art project poster competition. Create a poster which has a map of what helps you feel like you belong at home, at school and in your community. This is an activity deigned to encourage children to think about what belonging means. It could be about feeling safe, being included, having friends or being accepted. There is a £15 book voucher for the child who makes something creative and unique.

Please hand in your creative masterpiece by 23rd February. For further information please contact Miss Carty 3P.

Extreme Reading Challenge 2026

This year we are excited to launch our Extreme Reading Challenge!

Children are encouraged to take a photo of themselves reading in an unusual or out-of-the-ordinary (but safe!) place.

Examples might include reading on a climbing frame or on a trampoline. Children have been reminded to always check with an adult first and ensure safety at all times. The more creative, the better!

Please email photos to learning@wembleyprimary.brent.sch.uk

- Deadline: Thursday 5th March 2026
- Include your child’s full name and class
- Please inform us if you do NOT give permission for photos to be shared on our parent app

All photos will be used to create a display celebrating our children reading in a variety of extreme (but safe!) and wonderful places.

The most creative and safe extreme reading photo will receive a special prize. The winner will be announced on Friday 6th March during a virtual whole-school assembly.



Compulsory Homework — Maths Fluency Focus

Week 1: Counting 1-50.

Week 2: counting 50-100.

Week 3: Count backwards from 40.

Week 4: Count backwards from 80.

Week 5: Count backwards from 100

Reading books will be changed **every Friday**. Please ensure reading record’s are **signed daily**.

Spellings will be given every Tuesday and children will be tested the **following Monday**.

Home learning will be given **every Friday** in red home learning books. Home learning must be handed in by **Wednesday**.