



Year 1 Curriculum Letter

Summer 1
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 **stories from other cultures such as 'Lima's Red Hot Chilli'** and **Poetry**.

Children will be:

- Using rhyming words.
- 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.

Science

Our topic this half term is **Plants**. Children will be identifying, naming and comparing a variety of common garden and wild plants. They will identify and describe the basic structure of some plants and trees. Children will also be identifying and naming a variety of common deciduous and evergreen trees.

Seasons

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

Computing

This term the children will be focussing on programming animations. Children will know which commands can be used and how to run it. They will understand that a programme is a set of commands a computer has to run.

Art and Design

In art this term the children in Year 1 will be exploring rolling a ball, long and short coils and repeated dot patterns.

Geography

Children will learn about everyday life in Shanghai. Pupils will explore what it is like to live there, including homes, schools, food and culture. They will compare life in Shanghai with their own, helping them understand similarities and differences between places around the world.

Music

Children will listen to Anna Meredith's *Nautilus*! This iconic, futuristic sounding piece is characterised by its heavy beat and rising pitch patterns. Through this music, pupils will develop their feeling and understanding of pitch, beat, and duration. They will listen actively to the piece, interpreting its gestures in dance. They will engage imaginatively with the piece by drawing to the music. Finally, they will compare their interpretations with contrasting animations and videos, discovering that music can be interpreted in different ways.

Religion and World Views

Our focus this half term will be on **'How do we know new babies are special?'**. Children will find out about different ceremonies to welcome new babies and identify similarities across worldviews.

Maths

Our focus this half term will be **Multiplication and Division** and **Fractions** and **Position and Direction**.

Multiplication and Division:

- Count in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Add equal groups.
- Make arrays and doubles.
- Group and share groups.

Fractions:

- Recognising and finding half of an object, shape or quantity.
- Recognising and finding quarter of an object, shape or quantity.

Position and Direction:

- Describing turns.
- Describing positions—left and right, forwards and backwards, above and below.
- Ordinal numbers

Useful websites:

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

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

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.

PSHE

Children will be discussing keeping safe, keeping healthy and being responsible.

Thank you

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



Year 1 Home Learning Summer 1

Please complete the challenges below by Monday 18th May 2026.
Learning is to be submitted in your red home learning book.

Science - Parts of a plant

In science, we will be focusing on plants. Can you make a poster on the different parts of a plant. For example, you can draw and write about the different parts of a plant.



Geography — Shanghai

In Geography this term, the children in Year 1 will learn about life in Shanghai. Create a fact file about Shanghai.

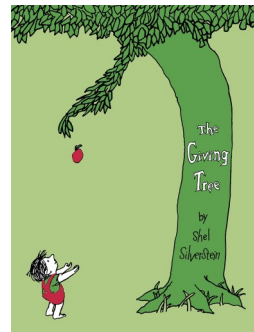


English—Stories

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



Use a phonics sound mat to help you.



Phonics

The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is fast approaching, and we want to ensure all children feel confident and prepared. Over the **Easter break and this half term**, please help your child by practising **phonics daily**, even for just **5 – 10 minutes**. Little and often makes a big difference!

To support you, here are some **free** and child-friendly websites where children can practise their sounds, blending, and decoding real and 'alien' words:

PhonicsPlay (Free Resources)

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> Try games like *Buried Treasure*, *Dragon's Den*, and *Picnic on Pluto*.

ICT Games – Phonics

[ictgames - English: 5-7 year olds](https://www.ictgames.com/) Engaging blending and segmenting games that align well with classroom learning.

Monster Phonics' Online Phonics Screening Check

[Online Phonics Screening Check Tool - Monster Phonics](https://www.monsterphonics.com/) Use this to run through practise test words

Compulsory Homework — Maths Fluency Focus

Week 1: Number bonds to 10.

Week 2: Number bonds to 20.

Week 3: Counting in 2's to 24.

Week 4: Counting in 5's to 60.

Week 5: Counting in 10's to 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**.