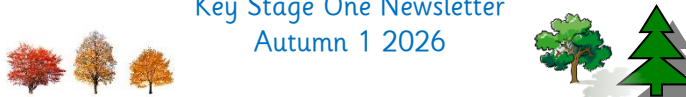




Key Stage One Curriculum Newsletter, Autumn 1 2026



English We will start the term reading 'Astro Girl' by Ken Wilson-Max. In Year One, we will be focussing on writing simple sentences with a capital letter at the beginning, a full stop at the end and spaces between our words. In Year Two we will be reinforcing our learning from Year One, writing sentences using 'and' and remembering our punctuation. We will also read 'The Comet' by Joe Todd-Stanton. Year One will learn about including a noun and verb in a sentence and Year Two will learn about writing in the present tense.	Science We are learning about energy and forces. Children will begin to understand that energy is needed to make things happen Through hands-on experiences, they will learn that energy can come from different sources such as the sun, batteries or food. History This half term we are learning about Flying Machines. Children will learn about the first human flights. We will learn about Amelia Earhart, the first female passenger to cross the Atlantic by airplane. We will also learn about the Wright brothers and their first flight.	Maths In maths we will continue to build on our learning of number and place value before moving onto addition and subtraction. In Year One we will focus on working with numbers up to 10 and then 20. We will learn how to find one more, one less and compare numbers using symbols. In Year Two we will work with numbers up to 100. We will be partitioning numbers, comparing numbers and using number lines to represent numbers.
Phonics Your child will continue to participate in a daily Read, Write, Inc. phonics lesson with one of our Key Stage One Reading Teachers, regularly introducing new sounds, practising our blending skills and learning to spell with Fred Talk. This session also includes a guided reading session where children will apply their phonics skills by reading a book, which they then bring home at the end of the week to read to you. Reading We will continue to have a big focus on developing children's reading skills in Key Stage One. Children will bring home a 'sharing book' and two phonics reading books which they will be able to read to you. Please write in your child's reading record whenever you read with them and try to listen to them as often as you can. In Year Two children may move off the phonics scheme and so will bring home an age-appropriate reading book.	Key Stage One Newsletter Autumn 1 2026  vve are so pleased with how well all the children are settling back into school this term. They are all doing brilliantly in Year One and Year Two and are getting used to their new classroom routines. We are very proud of them all. Diary Dates Flu immunisations: Wednesday 30th September. Cauliflower Christmas Cards return date: Monday 5th October. Harvest Festival: Tuesday 6th October. Half Term: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October. INSET Day: Monday 2nd November. Back to school: Monday 3rd November. Drink Bottles, Book Bags and PE kits Please make sure your child brings their book bag to school daily. They also need a water bottle every day. Please make sure your child comes to school with their PE kit every Monday. They will bring it home on Fridays each week or they can leave it at school for the whole half term.	Seesaw We will use Seesaw each week to share learning and photographs with you. We will also post announcements and useful information on there. Please check it regularly and send us message through Seesaw if you are not able to catch us at the beginning or end of the day. Art/DT/Music/RE/PSHE As artists we will be using bold colours and shapes to suggest movement, inspired by the artwork of Henri Matisse. In music we will learn about rhythm and call and response. Year One will focus on the song 'Hey You' and Year Two will focus on 'Hands, Feet, Heart'. In RE we will be learning about the Christian creation story. In PSHE we will explore feelings in class discussions and we will explore how it feels to belong in our classes. PE Days Both Poplar and Fir have Football sessions with Mr Phillips every Monday morning and PE with Mr Croucher every Thursday afternoon.