

# Year 1 Newsletter

## Term 1 2025



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Greenhithe School for 2025! If you are new to the school, we extend a special welcome to you and your family.

### The Year 1 Team

Bonita Mowat	Year 1	Room 5 (Year 1 Team Leader)
Amy Hooper	Year 1	Room 6
Jackie Fitzgerald	Year 1	Room 2
Sacha Walsh	Year 1	Room 1

## Curriculum



### Structured Literacy

Structured literacy is an evidence-based approach to teaching reading and writing. It focuses on systematically teaching the relationship between sounds, letters, and words, helping children build strong decoding and spelling skills. Lessons are explicit, sequential, and tailored to each child's needs, ensuring all learners can progress confidently. It covers phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension to support overall literacy development.



### Inquiry

Throughout the year we will explore a variety of topics from the Science, Social Science and Technology curriculum areas. We hope to have trips that connect to some of these focus areas and often have visitors to the school to help explore these topics more fully.



### Maths

Regular practice of number identification to 10, 20 then 100 and the number that comes before and after to these numbers. This will be followed by simple addition and subtraction, first to 10 and then to 20. This is something you can do with your child at home. Please help and encourage your child to spend 5-10 minutes daily on these. Having instant recall of basic facts helps students to solve number problems more efficiently. We will also be conducting statistical investigations; collecting data, creating graphs. In addition to this the students will be learning about shape and how to measure length. We also encourage children to use Mathseeds to support their learning, this will be up and running in the next couple of weeks. Please ask your child's teacher if you have any questions.

## **Swimming**



All children will need to bring named togs and towels in a separate bag. Please ensure that all of your child's items of clothing are clearly named. Teachers will advise you of their swimming days.

## **Fitness and Physical Education**



We run structured developmental fitness that helps children develop their balance, coordination and gross motor skills. We also explore movement to music on Fridays. Each term will have a different physical education topic that builds on the skills that we are developing through our structured fitness activities.



## **Communication**

All communication that needs action during school hours please contact the office, for example if you need to collect your child early. Reminders will be sent out on Seesaw but all other notices will be via email or you will be sent a hard copy.

We look forward to working in partnership with you this year.

Warm regards,

Year 1 Teachers