

Y1 Newsletter



SS PHILIP & JAMES' CHURCH OF ENGLAND
VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Term September – December 2021

Dear Y1 Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new year at Phil and Jim!

Learning in Year 1

An overview of the curriculum for Year 1 classes can be found [on the school website](#).

Parents' evening will be at the end of this month and we are looking forward to discussing your child's learning with you in more detail soon.

Where do I belong?

This half term our learning will focus on the question "Where do I belong?" This ties our learning together at the start of the year and gives them an opportunity to express a connection to their home, school, and new class. This question is inspired by the wonderful book "You belong here" by M.H Clark which explores different creatures and the places they call home.

Parents, if you have any special knowledge or resources that you would be able to share with our class related to this topic, please get in touch by emailing the school office.

Homework and house points

This year we will be using ClassDojo to assign homework and award house points. You have been emailed a link via ParentMail to connect with ClassDojo so that you are able to view their achievements and upload their homework.

Homework will be assigned each Friday, to be completed and uploaded to ClassDojo on or before the following Wednesday. Homework should take half an hour each week.

[This webpage provides information about uploading work to a child's portfolio.](#)

Each child has their QR code to access their account in the inside cover of their reading record.

The children have been off to a flying start with their house points. Parents can see house points on ClassDojo and are awarded by teachers for things such as showing the school values, persistence, writing and teamwork. Children can also earn points for completed homework and reading at home.

Outdoor Learning

On Monday afternoons we are going to be spending time learning outdoors. This will consist of a range of exciting tasks and activities that will tie into our Year 1 curriculum. These lessons will happen in all weathers so please provide your child with clothing appropriate for wet weather.

P.E kits

Children in Year 1 have regular PE lessons on Tuesday and Wednesday. It is important for children to have a PE kit in school every day just in case. For health and safety reasons, children should have a

complete change of clothes and shoes. Where possible, PE lessons will take place outside in all weathers. Branded PE clothing can be purchased online from [BlueBlood sport](#), or from their shop in the Covered Market.

Please ensure all items are named and stored in a bag on your child's peg. PE kits must remain in school during the week, but can be taken home at the weekend to launder.

Book bag

Children will need a book bag for transporting reading books, correspondence etc. to and from school. Optional Phil & Jim bags may be purchased from the office for £5.00.

Thank you!

What a wonderful first week we have had here in Year 1! We are so proud of the children for their efforts and are very excited by the enthusiasm they are showing for their learning.