



St Richard's CE Primary School

Spring Term 2026 – First half

Year 1 Myrtle Class - January 2026



Happy New Year! Welcome back to the spring term! We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break. We have been so proud of how well all the children have settled back into school after the long break. We have a fun and busy half term coming up so please read the newsletter carefully and note down the key dates in your diary. If you have any questions, please speak to one of the year 1 team.

Dates for your diary:

Spring 1:

6th January – Swimming and clubs start

WB 12th January – Clubs start

12th January – Drama workshop in school

22nd January – Trip to Wetlands Centre

3rd February – Languages Day

16th – 20th February – **HALF TERM**

Spring 2:

27th February – Cricket session in school

5th March – Trip to London Eye and Thames River Cruise

6th March – World Book Day

10th and 12th March – Learning Conversations

WB 16th March – Last week of swimming and clubs

Home reading books

Reading books will be changed twice a week. Your child should read their reading book every day, this allows for your child to read their book **3 times**.

Read 1: Children will segment and blend unknown words. Adults can model how to sound out unknown words. Discuss the meaning of unknown words.

Read 2. Children become more fluent in their reading and comprehend what they have read. Ask your child questions about the characters and story for comprehension.

Read 3: Focus on adding expression in reading, retelling and asking inference questions. Inference questions allow children to think more deeply about a text and use clues from the book and draw on knowledge from their own experiences.

What we are learning about this half term:

English: We are reading the books Beegu and The Odd Egg.

Phonics: Phase 5 alternative sounds

Maths: Compositions of numbers, addition, subtraction, 2D and 3D shapes

RE: Judaism and how Jewish people celebrate. We will be looking at important Jewish symbols and artefacts.

TOPIC:

Geography/Science: We will be looking at different weather patterns around the world, how the seasons change, different climates around the world and weather forecasting.

Computing: We will be using the paint programme, learning how to use the different tools and functions to create digital pictures.

D.T: Constructing a windmill

P.E: Ball skills

Trips: Wetlands Centre

Change in swimming time

Our swimming time has now changed to **Tuesday mornings 10:45-11:45**. If you are able to help during these sessions with getting the children changed, please speak to one of the year 1 team. We really need helpers so if you can help out every week or on the odd week, please let us know. Please note that you must have a current DBS. Thank you in advance!

Learning conversations

Learning conversations will take place on the 10th and 12th of March. It is a great opportunity to have a chat about your child's learning and see some of their amazing work they have done so far. Please book an appointment on Scopay.

Morning/Afternoon snack:

A piece of fruit is provided each day for your child to have in the morning. Please can you pack an **extra piece of fruit** in their bag to have in the afternoon. Children will only be allowed to eat a fruit snack in school, if you pack additional snacks that are not fruit your child will be asked to save this for after school. Thank you for your support with this.

School milk is available free of charge to all children under five years of age and to all children receiving Free School Meals. If you would like to register a child once they reach five years of age to continue to receive a daily portion of semi-skimmed cow's milk, you can register online at www.coolmilk.com. It costs approximately £18 per term. If you prefer to complete a form, please ask at the office and return it to Freepost Cool Milk.

Water Bottles

Please can you ensure that your child brings a named water bottle into school every day. It is important that the children are staying hydrated as this helps them be productive learners. Please can you ensure water bottles contain only water, no juice or squash please

Uniform:

Your child must come to school each day in the correct school uniform. A full list of items can be found on the school website. Please note that all children must wear black school shoes, strictly no trainers or boots. Please can you ensure your child does not have shoes with laces unless they know how to tie them independently, as this builds independence when changing their shoes.

Change of seasons:

The seasons have begun to change now and we are heading for some much cooler and wetter weather. Please can you ensure your child is dressed appropriately with a winter coat, scarf, hat, gloves etc. Please ensure **all these items are labelled** as often items go missing and it is much easier to locate the owner if they are named. Many thanks for your help with this.

Busy Things

Remember to keep using Busy Things to support your child's learning. You can access Busy Things by going to:

www.busythings.co.uk

If you need your child's log in please speak to or email Mrs Thiele.

Homework:

Homework is sent out weekly on a Friday. Homework helps children consolidate the learning they have been practising at school that week. Please help support your child's learning at home by completing the activities that are set.

At the beginning of each half term a sheet will be stuck in your child's homework book with suggested activities do to at home that link to our half termly topic. These are to be completed in your own time over the course of the half term. You can choose to do one or all of them!

Summary

Monday - P.E (Children to come to school in P.E kit).

Tuesdays – Reading books get changed

Swimming (10:45-11:45)

Wednesday – Home learning due in school

Fridays – Reading books get changed

Library books get changed

Home learning sent out

Parent/adult helpers

We would welcome any parents or adults who are able to give some time to come and listen to children read, either at the beginning, middle or end of the day. Please speak to Mrs Thiele if you would be interested. Please note that you must have a current DBS.

Also please speak to Mrs Thiele if you can come and help the children to get changed for their swimming lesson. Our swimming session is on Tuesdays from 10:45-11:45.

