Year 1 Newsletter



Term 1 2026

Our Topic for Terms 1 and 2 is: Come Outside

In maths this term we will be focusing on number work, especially working with numbers up to 10. The children will be reading and writing these numbers in numerals and words and using them to solve problems involving addition and subtraction.

In English this term we will be learning stories and rhymes related to our Come Outside topic. We will be focusing on letter formation and writing simple sentences using capital letters and full stops in the right places and using finger spaces between words. They will be learning about animals that live in the forest and writing independent words, captions or sentences.

In topic this term, we will be making the most of the Forest School to learn about the weather and seasonal changes. The children will be learning about trees and their structure and will learn the names of common trees. They will also be learning about different environments including the seaside and woodlands and thinking about what they might see in each place.

In music we will be exploring sounds and beat. We will be exploring ways to use their voices and developing singing skills while performing actions and using movement, body percussion and instruments to develop a sense of beat.

In PE we will be learning the key skills involved in fitness and in multi sports. They will be having fun using a range of equipment to learn how to run, jump, hop, throw and catch working in pairs and teams. In gymnastics we will be focusing on balancing and travelling in different ways and learning how to put different moves together to form sequences.

In RE we will be learning about Christianity and what Christians believe.

In art we will be having lots of fun completing activities linked to our topic. We will be cutting, sticking, drawing and making using a range of materials including clay, paper and paint.

In PSHE we will be learning about our class as a community of learners. The children will be thinking about how they can work together to support each other as they learn.

For more information about what your child in learning this term, please visit:
https://cliftonvilleprimaryschool.secure-primarysite.net/curriculum-1/

HOMEWORK

Year group	Homework task	Day of the week set	Day of the week to be completed
Year 1	Reading at home a minimum of three times a week	Please add a comment and signature to the reading record whenever you hear your child read	
	Weekly phonics challenge	Friday	Please hand in by the following Friday

Forest School

- Your child will have a Forest School session on a Thursday afternoon each week.
- Please ensure your child wears black joggers or black leggings, their white polo shirt and a school jumper to ensure arms and legs are covered for climbing.
- Please also ensure your child has a named pair of wellies and named waterproof clothing to keep in school – thank you.

Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 2nd September – first day of term 1
- Thursday 10th September – Come and Read sessions start 2:45pm (this first session will be Come and See my New Classroom)
- Monday 28th September – flu immunisation in school
- Friday 2nd October – School Photo day
- w/c Monday 5th October – After school clubs start
- Friday 23rd October – Last day of term 1.
- Monday 2nd November – First day of term 2.



PE Term 1

1J and 1K – Wednesday and Friday

1B and 1W – Tuesday and Wednesday

Please ensure your child is wearing **black trainers** on these days.

If you have a concern about your child's learning, please initially speak to their teacher at the end of the day or contact Mrs Holden by email to arrange a meeting or phone call.

For more information about SEND, please visit: Special Educational Needs & Disability |