Year 1 Learning Letter

Friday 9th October 2026



Thank you for meeting with the teachers at the parent consultations this week. You will find your child's login details to access Purple Mash and Numbots in their reading diary.

NumBots is all about every child achieving the "triple win" of understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction, so that they move from counting to calculating.

Here is a short video for you to view.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nEtVaPpWSQo

We are Learning:

- English – Traditional Tales – Little Red Riding Hood.
- Maths – Addition and Subtraction.
- Geography – Finishing our topic of weather.
- Art – Exploring flora and fauna to create mini-beast whole class piece.
- Science – Continuing to learn about our senses including touch, taste and smell.
- Phonics – finishing recapping our phase 3 sounds from Reception – ear, air, ure, ur, er.
- Computing – Use of direction and position using floor robots.
- RE – Learning about Harvest and celebrating giving.

Forest School

Please can your child bring in a bulb to plant for our Forest School lessons. This could be a tulip, daffodil or other spring flowers.



Number formation rhymes

Please find below a link to our number rhymes used in class. This will help consolidate the amazing number work your child has been doing.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0KIK3FMrr8w



Curriculum Day at Brockham for all of Year 1 children on Monday 9th November.

This will be a day for the children to socialise with the other class as well as taking part in a range of other activities, linked to our topics.

We are planning a do a Bonfire 'mock up' on the eco field, art linked to our current topic and activities within our Outdoor Learning passports. Further information to follow.

Dear Parent/Carer,

I'm delighted to inform you about an online learning platform called NumBots that we're using to support your child's understanding of number bonds and to help their addition and subtraction skills. These are the essential building blocks for higher-level maths concepts, so we are excited by the impact that NumBots will have on your child's learning.

Logging In

The children have been shown how to log in and have brought home a username label containing their unique login details. NumBots can be played on a browser (play.numbots.com) or via the app which is free to download on Amazon, Android and Apple devices. They may need help entering the details, but once they're in they will be able to play the game on their own.

Please ask your child's teacher if they are struggling to login. Maths Circle (the creators of NumBots) cannot provide username and password information to parents, even during school holidays or out of hours.

Important: Please don't allow siblings, friends or family to answer for them, as the programme progresses at the pace of each child. Do feel free to support your child if they're stuck and give them encouragement to keep trying even if it takes a number of times to complete a level.

Little and often

In order to get the best out of NumBots, we recommend that children play regularly for short bursts at a time, aiming for 3 minutes, five times a week.

Game Types

1. *Story Mode* – the emphasis is on learning the ideas and concepts behind addition and subtraction so it features more diagrams, representations and question styles.
2. *Challenge Mode* – the emphasis is more on speed of recall of key facts, like number bonds to 10, doubling small numbers or adding & taking away in your head.

Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions or comments.

Yours sincerely

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