



# Year One Newsletter



Autumn 1 Term 2025-2026

We hope you all had a lovely summer break! We are really excited to welcome the children back to school and have many exciting learning activities planned for their first term in Year 1!

## Curriculum

At Wingfield, we will be following the Compass Curriculum this academic year. Here are some of the subjects we will cover this half term:

Our first topic is based on Toys. We will be looking at different toys throughout **history**, exploring what we mean by "old" and "new" and see how toys have changed over time. In **Science**, we will be looking at everyday materials and their properties. We will also be looking at materials in **D.T.** and thinking about how we can upcycle materials that cannot be recycled. In **R.E.** we will be looking at belonging to different groups, including religious groups.



## Whole School Project: The Secret Garden

We begin this term with a whole school project focusing on story 'The Secret Garden.'

The children will be reading the story and using it to write a setting description and a letter to a friend describing what they found in the secret garden!

We will be exploring the school grounds to find our own secret gardens and will design our own garden based on our findings!

Look out for displays of the children's published learning outside and in the Year 1 classrooms!

## Transition into Year 1

We're delighted with how well the children have settled into their first week of Year 1. Thank you for your continued support as they transition back into school life.

To ease this transition, our learning approach will include engaging, hands-on activities that reflect the familiar style of learning from Reception. In the afternoons, children will also have opportunities to take part in play-based activities to help them adjust gradually and confidently to the Year 1 environment.

We'll be holding a parent meeting during the Autumn term to share more about the Year 1 curriculum and offer guidance on how you can support your child at home. Further details will be shared with you soon.

## Showbie and Home Learning

Children will be set weekly homework every Friday. It will be expected that children complete this learning within a week. Children will need to bring their completed homework back into school on the date indicated on the top of their homework sheet. Children will continue to bring home a phonics-based text once a week and will also have a home reading journal. Please ensure that your child's book and journal are in school with them on their book change day.

Your child's Showbie account is currently being created. Invites to join your child's account will be shared with you shortly.

## Physical Education

On PE days, pupils will be expected to attend school dressed in their P.E. kit for the whole day – normal school uniform is not required on these days. Children wearing earrings to school will be asked to remove them. The children will have P.E. sessions each week, this includes an outdoor P.E. session.

P.E. days for the term will be as follows-  
1CT- Thursday and Friday  
1LA- Wednesday  
1JT- Tuesday and Friday

## Eltham Palace

As part of our learning on *The Secret Garden*, we will be visiting the beautiful gardens of Eltham Palace on Tuesday 16th September.

This trip will provide the children with a wonderful opportunity to experience the magic of the gardens and to also explore inside the palace. To make this trip possible, we would love the support of parent volunteers. If you are available to accompany us, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Miss Travers, Miss Allen, Miss Thynne and Miss Nembhard.**