

# Year 1 Newsletter



Term 1  
September newsletter

## Meet the Year 1 staff at Colmers Farm Primary

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## Important Dates

Monday 19th September  
Big Arts Week

Friday 23rd September  
Big Arts Exhibition

Friday 23rd October  
School closes for half term

Monday 2nd November  
Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 3rd November  
Children back to school

Wednesday 4th and 5th November  
Parents Evening

Dear Parents/Carers,  
We welcome you and your child to Year 1 and we hope that they have had a great start to the academic year. This newsletter contains information about your child's learning in maths, English and topic. If you have any questions we are here to help.

## Useful websites:

- [www.colmersfarm.bham.sch.uk](http://www.colmersfarm.bham.sch.uk)
- [www.primaryresources.com](http://www.primaryresources.com)
- [www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10)

### Maths

- given a number, identify 1 more and 1 less
- identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least
- read and write numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals and words

### PE Kit

PE is every Monday, please ensure that your child has a suitable PE kit in school every week.

### Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a filled water bottle into school. Please remember that only water should be brought into school.

### Topics

Topic —On the farm  
Science—Plants and seasonal changes  
ICT- iCompute e-safety  
PE- Ball skills  
RE- Community, births and naming rituals  
Personal Development—Relationships

### English

- apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words
- respond with the correct sound to graphemes (letters or groups of letters)
- Naming the letters of the alphabet in order
- Begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place
- Saying out loud what they are going to write about

### Homework

Homework will be sent out in the coming weeks. In the meantime you can be encouraging your child to practice their counting and number bonds, as well as using their phonics.

### Reading

Children will have received a reading diary and reading book on Friday. When books are returned to school they will be quarantined for 48 hours before being given to another child.

# Well-Done!

The first days back can be quite daunting especially after having longer away from school than normal. But all of the children have taken everything in their stride and settled in brilliantly. Many staff around school have already commented on how fantastically Year 1 have started the school year. The Year 1 team are feeling very proud and want to say a big well done!