

Mount Pleasant Lane Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 1 – Mulberry Class

2026 Autumn Term 1



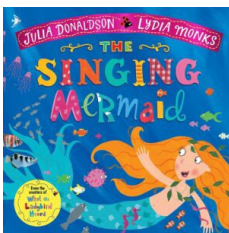
Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the new academic year! Mulberry class have had an amazing start to this half term, and it has been lovely to see so many smiles in the morning from everyone. We understand that the beginnings of the year can bring a mixture of feelings including excitement and anticipation about the year ahead, but I have been so happy with how all children have picked up the new routines so quickly and by the team work in the classroom. We are enjoying getting to know each other and learning all the new rules and routines that year 1 brings. I am certain that we are going to have lots of fun and have many wonderful learning moments together. We encourage you to speak to staff on the door if you have any questions as we are always happy to help.

Year 1 Team: Mrs Crowther, Miss Mabbs, Miss Hutson

Key dates for your diary:	➤ Parent Phonics Workshop – Tuesday 7th October ➤ Open Classrooms – Wednesday 21st October
PE days & kit required:	Our PE days are Monday and Friday. Children need to come to school in their PE kits. Please go to the website to see the PE uniform. Earrings will need to be taken out or taped for PE lessons.
Homework:	Children are expected to read and log their reading at least 4 x per week on Boom Reader. Children are expected to complete the tasks set on Ed Shed for spellings and My Maths for Maths. A sheet is sent home every week with phonic sounds, words and sentences to read and practise. Their login details will be inside their reading wallet.
Contact us: 	Communication is vital to us supporting the school community effectively. Please speak to your class teacher on the door at drop off or pick up if you have a short query or message. For longer conversations, please email admin@mountpleasant.herts.sch.uk FAO class teacher name and we will call you to discuss as soon as possible. Please be aware that teachers are teaching throughout the day so will be unable to speak to you immediately.

Our recommended



read:

The Singing Mermaid by Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks

This is a lovely rhyming story which is about a singing mermaid who is sneakily lured by Sam Sly's big promises of fame in his circus. The mermaid sadly discovers that the reality doesn't match the promises and wishes to go back to her beloved home. Unable to leave, she calls upon the help of new friends to make her escape back to freedom!

We are kind

We are brave

We are responsible

We are learners

Our theme this half term is: Transport



English:

In writing, we will learning a new Talk for Writing text which is based on The Gruffalo. The children will be able to orally retell the story and write their own versions. We will then move on to focus on a non-fiction text based on 'How to wash a Woolly Mammoth'. The children will be able to orally retell the story and will come up with their own 'How to...' instructions about an animal of their choice! We will focus on letter formation, finger spaces and sentence formation this half term.

Phonics:

We will be continuing the ELS phonics scheme. We will be reviewing previously taught sounds and learning new digraphs.

Year 1 Autumn 1: Phase 5

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Assess and review week Y1:1	Review week Y1:2	Revise: /ai/ <ay> /ow/ <ou> /igh/ <ie> /ee/ <ea>	Revise: /oi/ <oy> /ur/ <ir> /yoo/ <ue> /or/ <aw>	Assess and review week Y1:3	Revise: /w/ <wh> /f/ <ph> /yoo/ <ew> /oa/ <oe>

Science: In Science, we will be learning about animals including humans. In this unit of work, we will focus on the 5 senses and we will identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body linking which part of the body is associated with each sense.



Computing:

In Computing, we will be learning about technology around us. We will develop an understanding of technology and how it can help in our everyday lives. We will learn about keyboards and mouse skills. We will also consider how to use technology responsibly and who to ask for help if they see any content or

Topic:

In this topic, we will understand the changes that have happened over time to different forms of transport. We will be introduced to a timeline and begin to order events chronologically.



R.E:

In RE, our big question this half term is, 'What do Christians believe about God?' During this enquiry, the children will focus on what Christians may believe about God as the 'Father'. We will focus on Christian story of Creation and the responsibility a Christian might feel for caring for the world.

P.S.H.E:

In PSHE this half term, we will be learning all about our feelings through The Zones of Regulation. We will learn about which emotion matches each zone and if we are feeling, blue, yellow or red zone, what we can do about it, creating a toolkit that we can use. We will also learn about 'Being Me in My World' where we will understand our right and responsibilities in the classroom, understand that

	comments online that make them feel uncomfortable.	choices have consequences and understand that everyone's views are important.
Maths: We are super excited to get started with our Maths Scheme, White Rose. We will start by learning all about place value (within 10). We will be doing lots of counting and comparing of numbers within 10.	D.T: We will be learning about the key parts of a wheeled vehicle. The children will develop an understanding of how wheels, axles and axle holders work while designing and making a moving vehicle. We will end up with a pull along toy.	Music: This term, we will be focusing on 'Hey You!' which is an Old School Hip-Hop song. During this unit, we will listen and appraise different songs, learn the difference between pulse, rhythm and pitch and to learn how to rap and enjoy it.