



Year One 2026-27

Autumn Term Information for Parents

Welcome to Year One! We hope you've all had a lovely Summer break and are ready for a busy Autumn term in Year One.

This newsletter will provide you with some information about the Autumn term curriculum and about our class routines. We will also email you a guide on supporting your child to read at home, our key spellings for the year and a list of Year 1 recommended reads. We would be really grateful if you would use these guides to support your child with the basic skills of reading and spelling at home.

Should you need to contact us, please use the email: year1@cloverhill.school. We aim to answer all emails within 48 hours of receiving them, however it is important to note that we do not have access to email during school hours. For important messages, please always telephone or email the school office: cloverhillprimary@gateshead.gov.uk

We are very much looking forward to working with you all this year.

Miss Cable (Year One class teacher) and Mrs Tote (Year One teaching assistant)

Year 1 Autumn Term Curriculum:

English: Our class novels this term are:

The Three Billy Goats Gruff (Mara Alperin and Janet Stevens versions)

One day on Our Blue Planet: In the Savannah by Ella Bailey

Maths: Place Value, Addition & Subtraction, Shape

Science: Seasonal changes and Materials

History: How have homes changed from the past?
How were toys different in the past?

Geography: What can maps and photos tell us about where we live?

Computing: E-safety, Programming a robot, Technology around us

PE: Gymnastics, Running, Health and wellbeing, Ball skills

Music: Finding my singing voice and how singing makes me feel

RE: What do followers of Christianity believe?

PSHCRE: Me and my relationships and valuing difference.

Art: The work of Barbara Hepworth

Year 1 Routines

PE	Tuesday and Friday
Homework	We will set homework each Friday and ask that it be completed by the following Friday . Homework tasks will be stuck into the back of your child's Home Links book. The homework task will be explained via Class Dojo each Friday.
Library visit	We visit the school library each Thursday morning so your child has the opportunity to choose their own book to read for pleasure. Please ensure library books are returned each Thursday so that they can be exchanged regularly.
Spellings	Year One children continue to learn the Clover Hill rainbow words, which are high-frequency and key vocabulary words. In Reception class the children were taught

	White and Red words. In Year One they will then move on to Orange, Yellow and Green words. We will let you know via Class Dojo which words we are focussing on in class and will ask you to practise these at home too. An overview of these words can be found in your child's Home Links book.
Home reading books	Home Links books will be given out on Tuesday 8 th September. Year One continue with the "Three Reads" approach, where reading books will be changed if a book has been read three times. Books are changed each <u>Tuesday</u> .
Useful to know...	
Each day, your child should bring a water bottle to school. They will be given fruit/vegetables for a snack during morning playtime. Also, as the colder months approach, any donations of boxes of tissues for the class would be very much appreciated! Throughout the year, we will use Class Dojo regularly to send general class reminders, messages or achievements so please ensure you have the app downloaded and correct log in details so that you receive this information. Finally, we will be holding an open classroom within the next few weeks. As soon as the date is confirmed you will be informed via Class Dojo. This will give parents and carers an opportunity to meet the Year One team and have a look around our classroom and outdoor area.	