

Year 1 Newsletter

Summer 1
2026

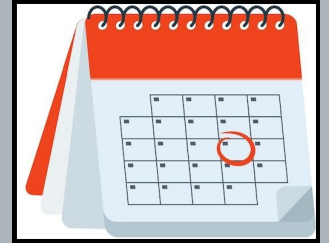
Raleigh Infant and
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Welcome

Welcome back, I hope you have had a lovely break. We were very lucky to have lots of lovely sunshine. Even though this is a short half-term, it will be full of lots of new learning. The children have settled in well and there is a buzz around the classroom about all of their Easter adventures.



Important Dates



- 4/5/26—Bank Holiday Monday
- 21/5/26—Class photos
- 30/4/26—Minibeast experience
- 18/5/26—Wells next to the Sea trip
- 22/5/26—Last day of term

English

The children's independent writing is coming on leaps and bounds and I'm excited for this to continue and progress this half-term.

Our class text for this half-term, is 'Here we are notes for living on Planet Earth' by Oliver Jeffers. It is written as a parent's guide to Earth, introducing its wonders, people, and values—encouraging kindness, curiosity, and caring for both the planet and each other.

In writing, we will be exploring poetry and writing a recount of our trip to the beach! This will be a great opportunity to show improvement since our last recount of the trip to the cinema.





1p

one penny



2p

two pence



5p

five pence



10p

ten pence

Maths

In maths this half term, we will be looking at money. We will learn how to count in 2s, 5s, and 10s and apply this to the context of counting coins. We will be applying this to real life contexts by playing shops often. We will also be focusing on fractions; children will learn to recognise and find half of an object or shape and a quarter of shapes and quantities through practical and engaging activities. We will build their confidence in understanding equal parts and using mathematical language to describe them.

Phonics

This is our last half term to fully revise all phonics sounds ready for the phonics screening check. So our homework will be repeated sounds from either Reception of Year 1. Please continue to do all phonics homework including reading to give your child the best opportunity to really show off their phonics skills in the screening.



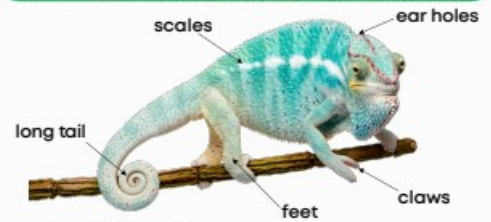
Life skills and PSHE

In PSHE this term, we will be focusing on; belonging to a family, making friends and being a good friend, physical contact preferences, people who help us, qualities as a friend and person, self-acknowledgement, being a good friend to myself and celebrating special relationships.

In RE this term, we will be focusing on Judaism and focusing on the question- 'Is Shabbat important to Jewish children?'

Science

diagram of a reptile



*note: some reptiles have no legs

In science, we are learning all about animals and their needs. We will be learning that animals move, breathe, and need food, water, and shelter; they are grouped by diet, habitats, and shared features. This knowledge will also be enriched by the minibeast visit to our school.

History and Geography



In history, we are learning about Parliament and Prime Ministers. We will learn about how Parliament started and about the first Prime Minister Robert Walpole.

In geography, we are learning about the continents and oceans. We will learn how to identify these on a map, We will also learn about the diversity of our world.



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