

## Homework

The children are set homework each week as follows:

Monday: Reading / comprehension homework will be set on Oxford Owl ELS. Maths homework will be set on Mathletics. These should both be completed by the Sunday.

Wednesday: Handwriting / spelling homework will be sent home in the purple books. This should be returned by the following Monday.

There will also be a piece of holiday homework to be completed before the start of each half term. Details to follow towards the end of the half term.

## PE

The children's PE lesson will be every Friday. This half term we will be doing sending and receiving. Please remember to send your child to school wearing their PE kit on this day. The school PE uniform consists of a red top and black trousers/shorts. In addition, we have a yoga lesson every Thursday morning and a mile run session every Wednesday afternoon.

## Swimming

Year 1 will have a swimming lesson every Tuesday afternoon during this half term (until the February holiday). Every child must participate in swimming lessons. Please remember for health and safety reasons the children are not permitted to wear any jewellery whilst swimming.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Miss Turner and Mrs Leonardi.

# Year 1 Spring Newsletter 2025

Welcome to the Spring term at Edna G. Olds Academy. The children made a wonderful start to Year 1 and have really settled in well to routines. I look forward to teaching your children for the rest of the academic year.

## English

This term, we will continue to develop our spelling skills and use of capital letters and punctuation. We will also continue to write more and add details to our writing. Our class book this half term is 'Dinosaurs and all that rubbish' by Michael Foreman. We will be using a range of outdoor learning and drama to support our creativity and writing of a persuasive letter and poem linked to this text.

## Maths

In Maths, Year 1 will be representing, comparing and ordering numbers up to 20. They will then be applying their understanding of place value to learn about addition and subtraction. In year 1, your child is expected to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Therefore, it is crucial that they are encouraged and supported at home to practise their times tables. All children have access to Numbots to support with this.

## Topic

This spring term, our enquiry based curriculum will focus on transformations. In science, we will be learning about seasonal changes and noticing change throughout the year. We will also talk about what we do to adapt to the different season, and what the plants and animals of different seasons are and what they do. We will be using investigation to aid understanding of this. In geography, children will be understanding how to care for the environment and what recycling is. We will also revisit our key individual Wangari Maathai and understand how she promoted care for the environment too.

In R.E, we will be asking ourselves the question 'how do we show care for others? Why does it matter?'

In computing, the children will learn how to use media to create digital paintings.

