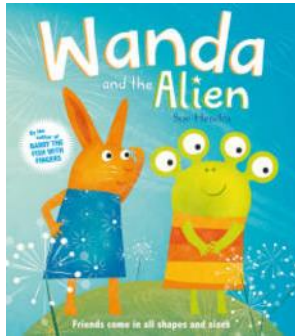


# Year 1 Autumn Newsletter 2025

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

## English

This term, we will focus on becoming confident in always using capital letters and punctuation, and creating a series of sentences that are enhanced with adjectives. Our class book this half term is 'Wanda and the Alien' by Sue Hendra. We will be using a range of outdoor learning and drama to support our creativity and writing of a narrative and information text linked to this text.



## Maths

In Maths, Year 1 will be representing, comparing and ordering numbers up to 10. 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 Autumn term our enquiry based curriculum will focus on slavery. Our history enquiry this term is 'Would Wangari Maathai have been significant if the transatlantic slave trade still existed?' To be able to answer this enquiry, Year 1 will learn about slavery and its impact. We will be uncovering who Wangari Maathai is and why she is an important person.



In science, we will be learning about animals, including humans. We will identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, and sort them in to the different categories: carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

## 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 book. 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.

It is really important all children complete homework each week and also are reading to you at home. This will really benefit their all-round development and support their learning throughout the year.

## PE

This term, children's PE lesson will be every Tuesday and we will be doing throwing and catching. Please remember on these days to send your child to school wearing their PE kit. In addition, we have a yoga lesson every Thursday morning. The school PE uniform consists of a red t-shirt or hoodie and black jogging bottoms/shorts/leggings. On Thursdays we will also be doing a mile run. Please ensure children wear trainers into school or bring trainers to school on that day in a named bag.

## Swimming

Year 1 will have a swimming lesson every Monday afternoon during the **first half** term (until the October 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 Muggeridge and Mrs Leonardi.