

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 26th September 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

Firstly, thank you to all the parents who attended the Year 1 Open Evening. We hope it provided you with an insight into the Year 1 Curriculum. If you would like to find out more about Little Wandle Letters and Sounds revised please visit the parents section on their website



(<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/>).

In Phonics, we have started to introduce some of the Phase 5 alternative spelling patterns. This week, we have learnt 'ay' as in play, 'ou' as in cloud, 'oy' as in boy and 'ea' as in sea. Please keep practising these sounds at home to help your child when reading and spelling words containing these sounds. Our tricky words for the week have been: said, says, you, do, like, little.

We really appreciate your support with helping your child to read. In Year 1, we recommend that your child reads with you every day in order to help them make good progress in their reading. Please initial the reading diary each time your child has read their Little Wandle reading book.

This week in Year 1, we have introduced a reading challenge called 'The 50-Book Challenge'. Children are encouraged to choose a book from the 50-book box each week. It will be signed out of school when they take it and signed back in when they return it. This challenge continues throughout your child's time at Woodhouse, with books changing to ensure they are age appropriate. In the front of their reading diaries there is a sheet for the children to keep track of which books they have read by ticking each one once read. This book is in addition to the Little Wandle reading scheme book and is for your child to enjoy with an adult.

On **Thursday 16th October**, we have a visitor coming into school to talk to the children about Eid and Ramadan as part of our RE topic 'Why are festivals important?'. During the visit, the children will be able to try some traditional finger foods. We will ensure that any allergies are catered for; however, if you would not like your child to join in with the tasting part of the session, please let school know by **Monday 13th October**.

Many Thanks

Miss Hepworth and Miss Nicholson