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## Dates for the diary:

### Harvest -

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2pm at St.  
Mary's Church

### Parents evening -

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 3.40-6.00  
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 5.00-7.30

### INSET DAY-

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct

### End of term -

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> (INSET DAY) no  
children to attend

### Start of term 2 -

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct

### KS1 Production-

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm  
Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm

### Class Christmas Party –

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

### Christmas Service –

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Dec at St. Mary's  
Church

### End of Term 2 –

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Dec

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## Things to remember... (Weekly timetable)

### Monday & Wednesday pm –

PE with Miss Copping & Mr  
Sapp.

### Wednesday am –

Homework due in.

### Friday am-

The class will be taken by Mrs  
Eglinton and supported by Miss  
Davies.

### Friday pm –

Homework will be handed out.

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# Lowry Class



Sept 2016

## Welcome to year one!

### **Dear parents / carers**

In addition to myself, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Eglinton are sending you the warmest welcome to Lowry Class. I hope everyone had a restful summer holiday and are ready for the year ahead. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to. Along with your support, we aim to provide children with the best start to their education, making school a fun and caring environment to learn in.

From now up until December our school topic is '**Explore, Discover, Uncover**'. We will be studying Ancient Egyptian and explorers such as Ranulph Fiennes, Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. These will feature in the curriculum but mainly through **Topic** – History, Geography, Art and D.T. where your child will learn and develop a wide range of skills and knowledge.

### Literacy

Through our literacy lessons we aim to gain a love for reading. We offer many different approaches to learning in an effort to provide a rich curriculum, where children can enjoy and develop their; speaking and listening, reading and writing skills. At Newington School we follow the 'Power of Reading', which teaches literacy through a range of high quality text.

Alongside the 'Power of Reading' framework, we will continue to develop our phonics knowledge. In Lowry class we will frequently be using Phonics Play – an online resource full of fun games free to use at home. We will be focusing on using and applying our phonics skills for spelling in school and at home. During guided reading, the class will have a carousel of reading activities. As well as guided reading, the children will be expected to read on a daily basis and will be reading to either, Mrs Mitchell or myself.

### Numeracy

We have a very busy year ahead of us. They will begin to learn a wide range of numeracy skills – counting, partitioning and calculating, securing number facts, problem solving, measuring, and understanding shapes. This term we will be using an array of resources and practical activities to progress with counting, partitioning and calculating.

### Science

Up until Christmas year 1 will be exploring everyday materials. This will present many opportunities for practical lessons, experiments and observations, allowing the children to gain a better understanding of the world around them

and the materials we use. We will also be tracking the seasonal changes, such as the appearance the landscape, the rainfall and temperature as we head into winter.

### PSHE

For term 1, Lowry class will be establishing the school rules, as well as the class rules, routines and expectations. A very tricky job in its own right, but the class has started the year magnificently and will surely pick this up in no time at all!

### RE

Lowry class will learn about Christianity and the Miracles of Jesus, by listening to and exploring the Biblical stories such as, The Blind Man, Feeding 5,000, 10 Lepers, Baptism of Jesus, Call of the Disciples and Christmas.

### PE

Children must wear, white t-shirt, dark short/bottoms and plimsolls/trainers. Long hair need to be tided back and earrings must be taken out. If children need to be excused from PE for medical reasons, please provide a note of absence. Just a reminder, there is no spare PE kit available in our class. We recommend your child brings their kit in and leave it in school until half term to ensure it is with them for every lesson.

### Home Learning

With regards to home learning, it is important that your child **reads every night** at home with an adult. They will be given one reading book each week and this will usually be changed on a Monday. We encourage children to read a wide range of text at home.

Attached to this letter is a copy of 100 most common words that your child will need to know and use throughout year 1. This will be taught in school but ‘practise makes perfect’ so any extra learning at home real does go a long way in helping your child to develop. Children will not be tested on their spelling in school but will need to use these words in their work.

One piece of numeracy and literacy based homework will be given out on Friday and is due back in by the following Wednesday. I must stress that homework is not intended to cause upset or difficulty and will be followed up in class.

As the children are now in year 1 the expectations have shifted slightly to meet that of the rest of the school. Children are encouraged to use the toilet throughout their breaks or chose a convenient time during lessons to go (this excuses those with medical needs). Throughout this year the children will also gain more independence and responsibility. They may find it difficult to adjust to these changes, but they are very much supported and guided through this time. With the progress they have all made in one week, I am confident they will all rise to the challenge!

Finally I would like to say that, I hope this is a happy and rewarding year for your child. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to come and see me. I may not be on the playground in the morning but if possible I can arrange a convenient time to see you after school.

Kind regards,  
Miss Copping