Mrs Skelton and Mrs Hodgson

Year 1

Autumn Term 1 2026

Houses and Homes





Important days/dates

PE — *Tuesday and Wednesday*

Children should bring their PE kit into school. This should be plain black shorts or navy shorts/joggers, white T shirt, plain black/navy hoodie or Ladygrove hoodie.

You can bring your kit on a Monday and leave it for the week.

Our Learning this half-term!

This term, we are looking at the topic of ***Houses and Homes.*** *We will be learning about where we live and our surrounding area, then learning about different types of house including detached, terraced, bungalows etc. We will be looking at homes from different places and comparing them In History we will be learning about houses and homes from the Victorian times. During this part of the topic we will be exploring how household appliances such as the washing machine has changed over time.*

In Science we will be learning about Materials. We will be introduced to new vocabulary such as rigid, flexible, bendy, waterproof and see through. We will be exploring a range of different materials and trying to use the correct vocabulary.

In our Computing lessons we will be looking at the technology around us.

During our PE lessons we will be looking at balance and agility through gymnastics and team games.

Maths will start with place value, moving on to comparing numbers and calculations.

In Read, Write, Inc lessons children will be grouped by their reading ability and will focus on either set 1 or set 2 sounds to ensure they continue to make progress within their reading.

Please remind your child of the SMART code below which incorporates our school rules. Children following the SMART code will be rewarded.

Reading diaries:

Children are required to read to you at home at least 3 times a week as part of their homework. Please ensure you record in the reading record when you have heard your child read so they can get a sticker on their bookmark. Please bring your child's book and diary to school each day. Your child's book will be changed each Friday once they have become familiar with their book and can confidently talk about what they have read.

Ladygrove Primary School SMART Code

- **S**peak politely and listen carefully
- **M**ake school enjoyable for everyone
- **A**ct safely and sensibly
- **R**espect and care for each other and the environment
- **T**ry your best at all times

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE!