

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



Y1

AUTUMN 2026

Welcome to Year 1

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful Summer! We have been settling in well to Year 1 and we have already started to learn lots of exciting things. We have a very busy term ahead and with lots of fantastic things to look forward to. There will be a lot of exciting topics, a Harvest and Christmas service and kindness week!

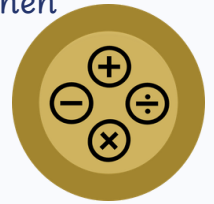
In English

This term, we are using the story 'Jasper's Beanstalk' to write labels, lists and captions and focusing on non fiction writing. We will create our own 'how to' guide for our friends and family. We will be reading 'Puffin Peter' to build our narrative writing skills. After half term, we will look at the book 'Gruffalo Crumble.' as we write to inform. We will explore different fairy tales and writing to entertain, whilst using capital letters and full stops in sentences.



In Maths

We will explore numbers and place value, find patterns in numbers including subitising, counting and comparing numbers to 10, as well as estimating and ordering numbers to 10. For the second half term, we will be focusing on using our part whole model to add and subtract and solve problems as part of a whole unknown. We will then look at doubling/halving and odd/even numbers.



In Phonics / Spellings

In Phonics, we will consolidating phase 3 and 4 sounds and tricky words. Then, we will dive straight into our phase 5 phonics.



Key Dates for Y1

- Tues 22 Sept - Phonics Workshop (9:15)

Please see the website for full school dates.



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In Science

In Science, we are looking at plants. We will be exploring what plants need to grow, different types of plants/trees and even growing our own. In the second half of the autumn term, we will be looking at seasonal changes, what happens and why.



In History

In History, we will be focusing on the children's personal history. We will look at the importance of memories, their life in chronological order and compare life from the past.



In Geography

In Geography, we will be learning all about the world. We will look at the five oceans and seven continents as well as the equator.



In RE

In RE, we are looking at belonging in the church and the communities around us. In Autumn 2, we will be looking at Christmas and incarnation.



In PSHE

In PSHE, we are looking at friendships, communication, emotions and family. In the second half of term, we are looking at bullying, rules and keeping safe.



In Music

In Music, we are looking at the topic of senses. Focusing on pulse, tempo, dynamics, pitch and rhythm.



In Art

In Art, we are looking at drawing spirals. Using drawing, collage and mark making to explore them. We will also introduce sketchbooks.



In Technology

In DT, we are discovering what DT means, looking at the user, the product and the purpose. To do this, we will be looking at 'houses and structures' and learning skills such as 'joining'. The children will explore this further in our new construction and creative areas.



In Computing

In Computing, we are looking at technology in our classroom. Exploring how technology can help us in different ways.



In PE

In PE, we are going to be learning about different invasion games and dance throughout the term. We will be focusing on elements of movement and team games that involve problem solving.



For more information about our adventurous curriculum, please visit our curriculum pages on our website.



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