

Topic – Our Amazing Country

In our geography learning, we will learn about the four countries that make up the UK, along with the capital cities of each. Our studies will include key physical features such as beaches, coasts, forests, hills, mountains, oceans, and rivers, as well as how the weather can vary across the UK. We will also explore key human features—cities, towns, villages, factories, farms, houses, offices, and shops—and compare how these are similar or different in each country. Additionally, we will learn how to use an atlas to locate the countries and surrounding seas of the UK.

English

In Year 1, we will continue daily phonics lessons using the Read Write Inc. programme, revising sounds to improve reading accuracy and fluency. After the Phonics Screening Check in June, we'll focus on fluency and simple retrieval questions. Reading at home at least three times a week and signing reading records helps reinforce learning and builds confidence. In writing, we'll begin with *Jack and the Beanstalk* and move on to *Handa's Surprise*. We'll focus on using questions, adding suffixes (-ed, -ing, -er, -est), and joining clauses with *and*. We'll also keep practising sentence basics: capital letters, full stops and spaces.

Science

In our science lessons this half term, we will continue our work on the seasons. As part of this, we will go on a seasonal walk to observe how the environment has changed from autumn to spring and into summer. We will also begin learning about plants, exploring the structure of a plant and the important roles each part plays. We will learn to identify a variety of different plants and trees, and understand the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees.



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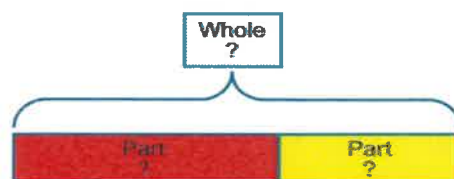
Welcome to the Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter. This is a summary of the learning planned for the

Summer Term.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning please contact Miss Cooper directly, in the first instance.

Maths

In our maths lessons this term, we will continue exploring the composition of numbers from 20 to 100. We will focus on counting efficiently by making groups of ten and understanding that the relative size of two-digit numbers can be identified by first comparing the tens digit, and then the ones digit if needed. We will also learn how to partition two-digit numbers into tens and ones, and how this can support addition strategies. We will then move on to the composition of numbers from 11 to 19. We'll explore how even one-digit numbers can be made from groups of two, and how doubling numbers from 6 to 9 results in teen numbers. We will also learn that halving an even teen number gives a result between 6 and 9. In addition, we will apply our knowledge of number facts within 10 to solve addition and subtraction problems within 20.



RE



Our topic for the term will be focused on answering the question 'What is the good news that Jesus brings?' We will explore how peace is good news for Christians and how Christians put friendship and forgiveness into practice.

PE

This term, Year 1 will have PE lessons on Tuesday and Friday afternoons so please make sure your PE kit is in school on these days. Once we have completed our Dance and Gymnastics, the focus of our PE lessons will be games and athletics skills.

Computing

We will begin exploring early programming concepts by learning how to use individual commands and understanding what each command does for the robot. This knowledge will help us predict the outcomes of programs. Next, we will introduce on-screen programming using ScratchJr. We will investigate how a project is structured by looking at sprites and backgrounds, and we will start using programming blocks to create our own programs.

Diary Dates

22.04.26—Earth Day: Planet vs Plastics

04.05.26 —May Day

07.05.26 —Voting Day

19.05.26— Year 1 Come Dine with Me

03.07.26—Year 1 Forest School

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Core Story Books – Summer Term



Look Up!

Nathan Bryon & Dapa Adeola



The Singing Mermaid

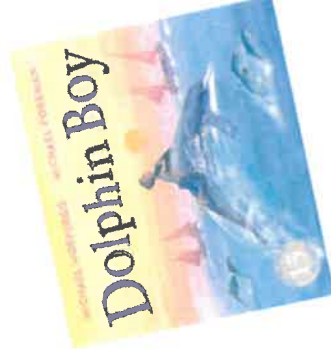
Julia Donaldson & Lydia Monks



Coming to England

Baroness Floella Benjamin &

Diane Ewen



Dolphin Boy

Michael Morpurgo &

Michael Foreman



Something Else

Kathryn Cave &

Chris Riddell



Little Red

Bethan Woolvin